

NEWS SUMMARY

Young hints at more union laws

Trade unions that abuse their powers can expect further action against them, Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment said last night (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

He told the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators that reports continued of flawed balloting procedures, of excessive rule changes and mass discipline of union members who declined to put union solidarity before their jobs. The Government was considering further proposals for action.

Air fare progress

Weeks of lobbying by British transport ministers have succeeded in edging Europe closer to accepting greater competition in the air.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, and Mr Michael Spicer, the aviation minister, have succeeded in convincing Greece and Portugal that it could be in their interests to allow greater competition.

Bribe duo convicted

Two businessmen were yesterday convicted of bribing Government officials at the Faslane submarine base on the Clyde, Strathclyde. They paid £22,000 in employees at the base as an inducement to allow the unauthorized removal of waste oil, Edinburgh High Court was told. They were also convicted of stealing waste oil.

John Nixon, aged 54, of Rainhill, and John Cockett, 43, of Scarisbrick, both Merseyside, had denied the charges.

Stamps controversy

The Post Office yesterday defended its Christmas discount stamp offer, as supplies began to dry up in post-offices around the country.

Royal Mail spokesmen ruled out issuing new packs of the second class stamps and said the offer had been an overwhelming success.

College is sued

A student is to make legal history by taking High Court action against the college at Cambridge University which sent him down, in an attempt to win reinstatement.

Mr Dominic Oakes, aged 21, of Burlington Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, believes his image as a folk-singer with long hair tied in a pony-tail and support for CND led college authorities to discriminate against him.

An Eye for an Eye

Mr Robert Maxwell's tit-for-tat battle with *Private Eye* backfired yesterday when W H Smith, the country's largest news wholesaler, announced that it would not be distributing spoof copies of the satirical magazine due to be published by Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) today.

The announcement came just 24 hours after refusals by W H Smith and John Menzies, the second largest news wholesaler, to handle a hamper Christmas edition of *Private Eye* designed to replenish its coffers after the costly libel suit between the two old adversaries.

Jaguar plan to employ extra 300 workers

Jaguar Cars has announced plans to hire an extra 300 workers to boost production of its hugely successful new saloon from 280 models a week to 500.

Demand for the car is so strong that some customers are prepared to pay £4,000 more than the £25,000.

£2.4m design workshop sets up jobs boost

Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of the Burton Group, yesterday announced that he was setting up a £2.4 million design workshop at Felling, Gateshead, to bring 300 new jobs to the North-east.

He was speaking to more than 200 businessmen and women at the annual meeting of Business in the Community, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne Civic Centre, chaired by the Prince of Wales, its president.

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Athens could be weak link in EEC initiative

Greeks stay away in terror drive

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

A secret EEC document outlining the first comprehensive analysis of terrorist organizations and operations in Europe, was drawn up and agreed by Interior Ministers of the Trevi Group on terrorism yesterday.

Only one country, Greece, refused to put its signature to the document, underlining fears that Athens could remain the weak link in Europe's drive to combat the terrorist threat on a co-ordinated basis.

Nurses to seek pay rises to keep staff

By Jill Sherman

Health unions are seeking a large basic increase for student nurses and auxiliaries in next year's pay award, to avoid dangerous shortages in nursing staff.

Yesterday, in their evidence to the Nurses and Midwives Pay Review body, staff side organizations made a claim for nurses to be brought into line with other public service workers.

Airbus sales windfall

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The Government is set to cash in on the success of the Airbus A 320 short to medium-haul jet.

After this week's decision by Japan's All Nippon Airways to buy 10 A 320-200s, the Treasury is certain to get a good return on the £250 million it advanced to British Aerospace to help launch the project.

School Bill anger

The Association of County Councils, which represents nearly half the local education authorities in England and Wales, has joined the growing opposition to the Bill which would give the Government control over the negotiation of teachers' pay and conditions.

In a letter to MPs on the eve of today's debate on the Bill's committee stage, the association, which speaks for nearly all the Conservative-controlled authorities, says its provisions "mark an immense move towards central control of the education service".

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Social Services Correspondent

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could not agree to sign the document.

The Greek government did not even send a minister to the meeting. It was represented by a civil servant who apparently did not have the authority to sign anything.

The meeting yesterday was the final session on terrorism by the Trevi Group under the chairmanship of Mr Hurd. With Britain ending its six months in the presidency of the European Council of Ministers on December 31, the chairmanship will be handed over to the Belgians.

Liverpool goes to war on Militant

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

The deposed leader of Liverpool City Council yesterday broke his self-imposed political silence to declare war on the Militant Tendency and its supporters within the city's Labour group.

Mr John Hamilton, who at 64 is the group's elder statesman, said that he will spearhead a revival of democratic socialism in a city he claims to have been ripped apart by political extremists.

Paisley in Euro protest

By Richard Owen

There was uproar yesterday when Mrs Margaret Thatcher's address to the European Parliament was disrupted by a protest by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party.

The Prime Minister had been on her feet for only a few minutes when Mr Paisley, a European MP, strode down to the rostrum and held a poster declaring "Ulster says no" in front of her face.

Lawyers warn council over ban on Times

Glasgow's 59 Labour councillors have been warned by lawyers that they could face the threat of legal action, and the possibility of personal surcharges, if they continue to ban *The Times* and *The Sun* from public libraries.

But so far there has been no move to lift the ban. A number of Labour-controlled Scottish councils imposed bans on News International publications after the start of the Wapping print dispute nearly a year ago. But now most have quietly stopped the boycott.

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New lease of life for assault ships

By Peter Davenport
Defence Correspondent

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announced yesterday that the Government had decided to retain the amphibious warfare capability of the Royal Marines.

The Commons statement was the outcome of a debate that has raged in the Ministry of Defence for three years.

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After this week's decision by Japan's All Nippon Airways to buy 10 A 320-200s, the Treasury is certain to get a good return on the £250 million it advanced to British Aerospace to help launch the project.

British Aerospace has been able to tell ministers that with 389 firm orders so far and more certain before the aircraft's first flight in March next year, the first £50 million lump-sum repayment will definitely be made in 1990 with similar amounts to follow over the next three years.

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MPs pile on the pressure in Nimrod's support

Ministers came under pressure from all sides during Commons question time to buy the British Nimrod airborne early warning system for the RAF and not the rival Boeing AWACS...

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industrial and defence consequences for Britain and it would be taken in the appropriate and detached fashion necessary...

not believe everything he reads in newspapers. No final decision has been made. Mr Thomas Sackville (Bolton West, C)...



Mr John Biffen gets an early warning from the House of Commons.

Tory onslaught on Kinnock defence policy

Mr Neil Kinnock and Labour's defence policy came under fire from Conservative MPs on his return from the United States. Mr David Amess (Basildon, C)...

Rifkind announces big spending rise

Big increases in public expenditure in Scotland had been achieved while the proportion of national income devoted to public spending was a tribute to the Government's success in the control of the economy...

Study ordered on future of Navy's assault ships

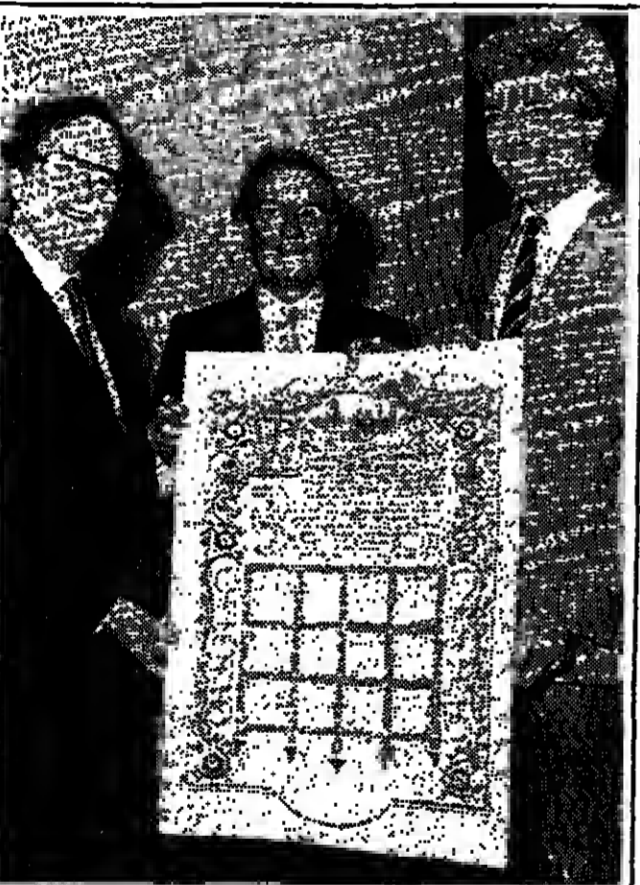
The Government has decided to retain an amphibious force in the longer term and as a first step is having a feasibility study made of the future of the assault ships used by the Royal Marines...

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think it is possible to extend the life of the Fearless and Intrepid? Regarding the new ship designs, is this a much cheaper ship and is he going to have amphibious lift capacity with a flat top or exactly what designs are envisaged?

Promotion for blacks 'by merit'

Soldiers of ethnic origin would want to gain promotion on merit and not because there was discrimination in their favour, it was said during question time in the Commons.



Mr Alan Beith (left), Mr James Hamilton and Mr Kenneth Hargreaves holding the illuminated address that they are to present to the Pope in Rome on behalf of an inter-denominational and cross-party group of 100 backbenchers.

Select committees dispute Constitutional clash looms

A serious constitutional clash between Downing Street and Parliament was heralded yesterday in a report which flatly rejected the arguments behind Government's proposed instructions to civil servants not to answer select committee questions about their conduct.

Articles on brain death deplored

Sunday newspaper articles seeming to cast doubt on the concept of brain death were deplored by Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, when she reported to a Commons debate on Monday night.

Schools problems have to be resolved, says Baker

The following is a summary of the Commons debate on the second reading of the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill that appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

Inquiry on M15 'plot' called for

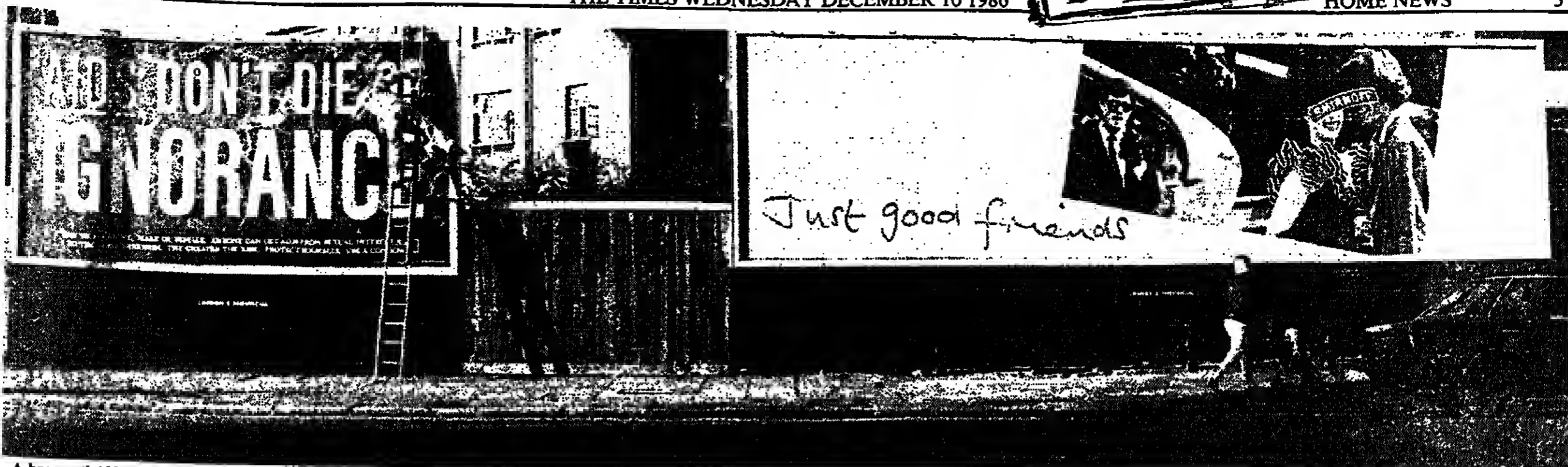
The controversy over M15 continued in the Commons when Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that if it was true that some M15 officials had mounted a political opposition against Mr Harold Wilson when he was Prime Minister in 1974, a full parliamentary inquiry was needed.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Debates on the housing situation and on Government measures to combat AIDS.

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A huge anti-Aids poster in Blackfriars Road, Southwark, south London, provides a contrast of messages for a passing mother. The Aids poster urges all sexually active people to protect themselves by using condoms (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Clashes of images in Aids drive

By Ronald Faux
Advertisers paying premium rates for prime poster sites may find themselves in the shade as the Government's anti-Aids campaign takes off. Clashes of message are likely as the blunt posters being put up by the Department of Health compete for attention with more sophisticated advertising campaigns. "Unfortunately," was how a director of Young and Rubicam, the agency that produced Sid, described the juxtaposition of posters in Blackfriars Road, Southwark, south London. He said that agencies normally try to ensure, in their carefully thought out campaigns, that posters do not clash with their neighbours. "We simply have to accept that there will be some difficult placings with the Aids campaign. It is so essential to get the message across about the dangers of the disease that normal advertising campaigns simply have to take second place. Other advertising designers agreed that the Aids advertisements would have to be accepted as a public necessity however much they disturbed the image other posters were trying to create. One optimist commented: "It might not be entirely bad for us or damaging. After all, the contrast between these two adverts is so stark and odd it might help both campaigns. It is certainly hard to ignore."

Slimming aid products are criticized

A grapefruit pill and a gel which both claim to help slimmers are today criticized in the Advertising Standards Authority's monthly report. The authority expresses surprise that "after more than 100 years of compulsory education" it is still possible for buyers to be so gullible. The report says that at a time when half the adult population seems to have just completed a diet or is about to embark on one, the market is "as populated as ever with peddlers of the still numerous pseudo-scientific products and services" of the type once sold by Victorian quacks. Thirteen slimming products were brought to the authority's attention by disgruntled consumers and 12 complaints were upheld. Only one company was able to justify its claims and that was as a result of the number of testimonials received rather than evidence of the efficacy of the product.

NSPCC report Child sex abuse cases more than doubled

The number of children sexually abused increased by more than 125 per cent during the past year, a report released yesterday states. The report, compiled by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, also highlights a rise in other forms of cruelty, including a 68 per cent increase in children who were seriously or fatally injured. The society further disclosed that an estimated four children died every week of abuse and neglect. And, according to the society's statistics, about 9,114 children were physically hurt by their parents last year. Reports of physically injured children had increased by 28 per cent, while those who suffered general emotional abuse and neglect, not involving physical injury, shot up by 71 per cent. Overall, the numbers of children placed on local child authority registers kept by the society in England and Wales showed a 42 per cent rise. Dr Alan Gilmour, director of the society, said he was concerned about the rise in reports of children who sustained serious or fatal injuries as a result of abuse at the hands of their parents. "This aspect is particularly sad and worrying. However, there is now considerable public and professional awareness to the possibility of children being abused in an extreme way. "There has been an upsurge in reporting of child abuse everywhere in recent months, especially by the public. This has obviously been a significant factor in these figures," he said. Less than half of the 1,586 children on the society's child abuse register were living with both natural parents at the time of the abuse. Only 23 per cent of the neglected children, 32 per cent of the emotionally abused and 39 per cent of the physically injured were living with their natural parents. "Marital problems" were most often recorded as the stress factor which may have precipitated sexual and emotional abuse. Statistics showed a dramatic 125 per cent increase in reports of sexual abuse. "Inability to deal with normal child behaviour" was recorded most frequently as the cause of physical injuries to children, while "inability to respond to the maturational needs of the child" was thought to be the main cause of neglect of children. External stress factors such as unemployment, debts and poor housing were recorded quite frequently by workers, but were not judged as important as parent-child relationship problems. Dr Gilmour praised the vigilance of parents, the public and professionals who had come forward to report cruelty to children. He said: "More children are being protected. But we cannot escape the reality - so many children continue to suffer. Neglect can scar for life and it can kill."

Blyth Valley troubles Pair who are worlds apart

By David Sapped and Howard Foster
Mr Ronnie Campbell, an unemployed miner, retains a deep pride in the fact that his grandfather took part in the hunger marches of the 1930s and Mr John Ryman, a barrister, remains equally proud of his Oxford degree and love of horses. Both are members of the same constituency Labour party - Mr Ryman is the MP for the marginal seat of Blyth Valley and Mr Campbell his heir apparent - but other similarities are at best coincidental. And, after Mr Ryman's allegations that Mr Campbell is a member of Militant Tendency, there is a gulf between them which appears unbridgeable. The MP's threat to call a by-election in a constituency where Labour's majority is little more than 3,000 over the Alliance has prompted the party to despatch a senior official to Tyneside to conduct an inquiry into local links with the left-wing organization. Mr Ryman, aged 56, and a former Harmsworth Law Scholar, decided to retire at the next election amid allegations that the local party had been infiltrated by Militant. The one-vote majority Mr Campbell achieved in the weekend selection for Labour's next general election candidate put the little-known north-east constituency in the centre of the political map. Mr Campbell, aged 42, roundly rejects accusations that he is a member of Militant, although he admits to being "a left-wing democratic socialist" and an admirer of both Mr Derek Hutton and Mr Arthur Scargill - he proved his credentials by being fined £75 for breach of the peace when, as NUM chairman of the now closed Bates colliery, he grabbed a policeman on a picket line during the miners' strike. The Militant tag still persists although he points out he is a practising Roman Catholic with six children - religious views that scarcely tally, he says, with a Trotskyite approach. However, Mr Ryman insists that, even if Labour's prospective candidate is not a member of Militant itself, he has become little more than "a stooge" of supporters of the organization who have taken control of the local party. Mr Ryman, who was educated at Pembroke College, Oxford, and called to the Bar in 1957, had not been free of controversy. Local party workers have accused him of spending too little time in the constituency, dismissing his constituency secretary without apparent reason and cancelling local meetings. A well-known moderate on the Labour back benches, he entered Parliament in the 1974 election. His campaigns have included efforts to save Bates colliery, where Mr Campbell worked until its closure earlier this year. He has accused Militant of "physical intimidation" of local Labour party workers and of falsifying branch membership numbers to gain more seats on the constituency party executive. He also says the organization has packed meetings with its own supporters from non-existent groups and fixed the reselection process to prevent moderates from being nominated. Mr Campbell, who entered politics 17 years ago as a councillor on the old Blyth council, failed last year when he contested Mr Ryman's reselection. He also attempted, unsuccessfully, to get the Labour nomination for the Berwick seat this summer. "I am not a member of Militant and never have been," he says.

Violence hits clergy in cities

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent
The growing incidence of crime and violence directed against the clergy in some run-down inner city areas is to be raised at national level in the Church of England by the Bishop of Whitchurch, the Right Rev Gordon Bates. He has collected evidence from the area for which he is responsible, including central Middlesbrough, Cleveland, of a rising level of personal attacks in the past five years. "The dog collar is no longer much protection," he said yesterday. Breaking and entering church property, including vicarages, was the most common form of crime the church encountered, followed by vandalism, and then by street violence. The bishop said many clergy had had to fortify their premises with high walls topped by broken glass and floodlights, and in some cases barbed wire. But the problem appears to be patchy. In the English city with the highest level of clergy in the inner areas, Liverpool, a Roman Catholic spokesman said there did not appear to be an increase in violence towards the clergy on the streets. The central authorities of the Church of England are only just becoming aware of the problem, and there is growing interest in training clergy to defuse potentially violent situations. The latest clerical victim, the Rev Alan Hughes, of Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, recently lost £650 worth of lead from his church roof. He is installing razor-wire, non-set paint and infra-red detection devices.

Highland relic may be saved

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent
A Scottish museum has been given an opportunity to save a Celtic bronze armet, found locally at the turn of the century, from being exported by an American dealer. Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, has recommended that an application to export the Achavarril Armet be deferred until May 2 next year, to allow bids by public collections to keep it in Britain. The leading contender is the Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, supported by the local district council, which hopes to raise the market value of £100,000 before the deadline. The armet, dating from the first or second century, was kept for generations in the Dunrobin Castle museum. However the Duke of Sutherland sold it at auction in London last summer for £67,000 - far outstripping the Inverness museum's bid of £24,000. It was subsequently acquired by an American dealer. Mrs Catherine Niven, curator of the museum, said yesterday that the local council had since promised £75,000 towards its purchase, and she hoped the balance could be raised from government and private sources. The well-preserved armet, weighing almost two pounds, is decorated with an abstract pattern and is likely to have been worn by a Celtic chieftain to display status and power. At least 16 similar artefacts are known to be in collections in Britain, but each is unique as the metalworkers used individual wax moulds - and there is none in the Scottish Highlands where they were made.

Prison drug tests to fight smugglers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent
Drug barons who put pressure on prisoners going on home leave to bring narcotics into jails, face a new weapon. The Home Office has bought two drug detection systems for use in the medical departments at Risley Remand Centre, Warrington, and Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight. The system, Syva Emit-st, is used for urine analysis in many penal institutions in the United States and by British customs officers to detect drug smugglers. Its use in British penal establishments on people who are ill to discover whether they are on drugs or to test addicts, is voluntary. The Prison Officers' Association is seeking some sort of sanction for prisoners who do not agree to take the test. The association says that about half of Britain's prison population is caught up in drug abuse and only tough action by the Government will begin to correct it. The association says that pressure is put by drug barons on prisoners about to be allowed home for readjustment before release, to bring back a supply of drugs. It adds that the prisoner could be afraid to return, will abscond and get into further trouble; he will bring the drugs back; or he will return empty-handed and then have to be segregated for his own protection. Youngsters are also being turned into addicts, according to the association. Emit-st's manufacturer, Syva UK, claims that on-site urine testing in the United States has left some prisons drug-free. The detectors will fit into brief cases and can test any one of 10 drugs in about 90 seconds. "It's two years since we produced a report calling for action and all we have seen during that time is a gradual deterioration in what was already a horrid situation," Mr Phil Hornsby, the association's assistant general secretary, said. "Drugs have become the main form of currency in prisons and as organized searching has not halted the upward trend, new measures will have to be considered to stop the rot." He wants a detection system to stop drugs entering prisons. Some sort of test is also sought to establish whether a prisoner has been taking drugs. That is the only way to prove involvement in abuse, Mr Hornsby says. "The penalty for someone judged to be a drug abuser should be losing remission of sentence and that would put a useful anti-drug abuse weapon into our hands." Mr Hornsby has much sympathy for the young person, and his family who find themselves caught up in the drug scene. He said: "It's difficult enough for the offender's family to have to cope with the fact that an offspring is detained for committing a criminal offence, but when he returns to them a fully-fledged addict this is an additional burden they should not have to carry."

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Taunts led to killing at school

Rustum Ali, aged 14, who stabbed a boy to death in a playground fight over racial taunts, was sentenced to up to three years youth custody at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday. Ali, of Wilson Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, admitted manslaughter after his plea of not guilty to murder was accepted by the court. Mr Douglas Draycott, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Ali had been consistently taunted and bullied by Sean Keyes, aged 15, of Carpenter Road, Lozells, Birmingham. Last May there was a fight between them at Holbe comprehensive school, New Town, Birmingham, where they were both pupils. Mr Draycott said that Sean Keyes, 22 months older than Ali and physically stronger, had been accidentally kicked by Ali during a football match causing "bad blood" between them. At one stage the boys were separated, but an on-looker banded Ali a knife. Mr Justice Otten, sentencing Ali to detention not exceeding three years, said the treatment he had received from Sean Keyes had been gross provocation.

Moor hunt half-way through

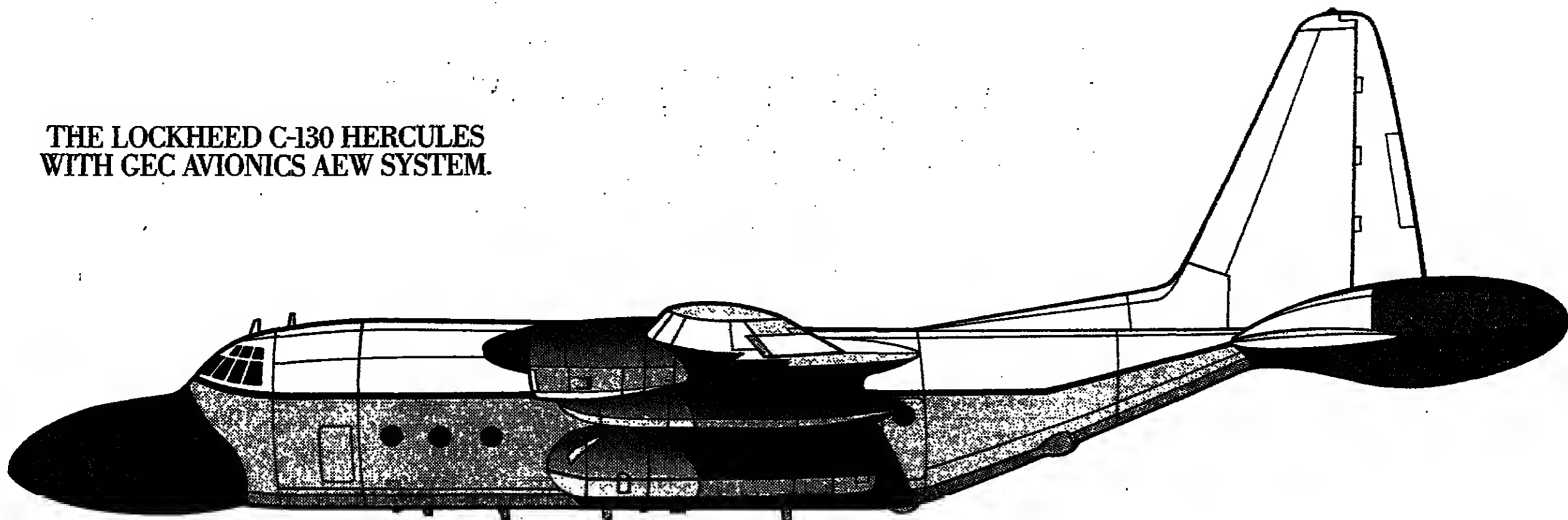
By Ian Smith
Police are half way through their search for the bodies of two children thought to have been buried on the Yorkshire moors more than 20 years ago by Myra Hindley and Ian Brady. Hopes were high that eight specially trained body detection dogs would unearth the graves of Keith Bennett and Pauline Read within days of starting their sweep of Saddleworth Moor. After 14 days the dogs have found nothing but non-human remains, but the man leading the search, Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, joint head of Greater Manchester's CID, remains optimistic. "I believe we have a reasonable chance of finding the bodies," he said yesterday. While Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, delays a decision over a police request that Hindley be escorted from Cookham Wood Prison in Kent to the moor, Mr Topping disclosed he might for a second time see Ian Brady at Park Lane special hospital on Merseyside, where he is undergoing psychiatric treatment. Weather on the moor has been atrocious.



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Airborne or still-born?

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A mission system being developed jointly by GEC Avionics and the Lockheed Georgia Company.

But if GEC Avionics does not win the defence contract for the British airborne early warning system, this development of the AEW Nimrod will never leave the drawing board and take to the air.

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is the only reason to favour the GEC solution. We *guarantee* that the AEW Nimrod will work.

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Toll mounts in clashes with Israeli troops

Army told to keep low profile as violence spreads in Gaza

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

For the sixth consecutive day violence spread through the Occupied Territories yesterday, despite instructions to the Israeli Army to keep a low profile and attempts by Palestinian leaders to cool tempers.

The worst troubles were in the Gaza Strip, where Palestinian sources said three demonstrators were wounded by gunshot and 30 others beaten with clubs as the Army broke up demonstrations.

In a well-disciplined demonstration yesterday, around 1,000 students and staff of Bir Zeit University held a mile-long silent protest march from their new campus on a hill in the countryside to their old one in the town, which has now been shut until the New Year.

West Bank and Gaza, with young teenagers taking full advantage of the tense and angry atmosphere to throw stones at the Israelis they have learned to hate while living in the teeming refugee camps and slums of the Territories.

Stone-throwing is the usual reason given by the Israeli Army for troops for firing live

the BBC and Reuter, I was driving to Bir Zeit when we noticed 100 or so youngsters on the hillside, a quarter of a mile or so from the main road, which was protected at that point by a patrol of soldiers from the Givati Brigade in their purple berets.

We turned down a side-road to reach the hillside and found side window seemed to explode and a brick-sized rock hit Mr Edinger on the back of the head, momentarily knocking him out, ripping off a patch of hair and opening an ugly gash behind the ear.

With hindsight it had been stupid to go towards the youngsters. They were only 12 to 16 years old, intent on declaring their camp a "no-go" area and the troops had wisely kept out of range until they grew bored.

But under that hail of stones it was easy to understand just how simple it would be for a young soldier with a gun in his hand to lose control and fire.

It was also easy to see that the youngsters were enjoying their moment of power. For a short while they could feel they had restored a kind of Palestinian rule on the hillside, where they openly defied the Israeli troops.

At the university the disciplined demonstration had chanted, "Reagan, Reagan, you must know, we support the PLO" and had briefly flown the illegal Palestinian flag. But it was their ill-disciplined younger brothers, and a few sisters, who had, however briefly, recaptured the land.



Lady Pamela Youde placing a wreath on the coffin of her husband, Sir Edward Youde, during the funeral service of Hong Kong's former Governor in the colony's St John's Cathedral yesterday.

The funeral was conducted with honours almost equivalent to those appropriate for a head of state. Ten Coldstream Guardsmen carried the coffin from a military vehicle into the cathedral (David Bonavia writes).

Chinese students in march for democracy

Peking (AP) — Thousands of university students in the east China provincial capital of Hefei marched on government headquarters yesterday demanding greater democracy, city residents said.

The protest, the first mass demonstration for democracy since the 1978-1979 Peking Spring, coincided with the anniversary of a 1935 anti-Japanese student movement that has traditionally marked a tense period of Chinese campuses.

One witness said about 3,000 students with banners saying "We demand democracy" marched through the streets, chanting "No democracy, no modernization".

Residents said the students gathered on the steps of the Anhui provincial government headquarters to make speeches calling for greater democracy in the selection of representatives for the People's Congress.

Agitation in Hefei began on Friday with a 5,000-strong campus demonstration against the Communist Party vetting of candidates to the Anhui Provincial People's Congress, a foreign student there said.

A hilly province that is not normally a focus of political developments in China, Anhui includes some of the country's poorest districts.

Wiesel faces war of words in Oslo

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Mr Elie Wiesel, the man of peace, was visibly discomfited yesterday to find that he had walked straight into a war of words.

Mr Wiesel, who is to receive the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize at the University of Oslo today, was bombarded during an introductory press conference with hostile questions concerning his attitudes, as a Jew and a Zionist, towards the

caustic, what his response was to the recent deaths of children shot by Israeli soldiers.

Patiently, the Nobel laureate reiterated that he was a man of peace, not a politician, and deplored all violence.

"I cannot defend any death," he said, "particularly the death of children. I do not believe any Israeli officer wanted to kill children."

Norwegian feelings run high on the Palestinian question and a demonstration is planned by anti-Israeli groups during Mr Wiesel's visit.

Mr Wiesel plans to use the £200,000 prize money to establish a foundation for peace studies, which would hold a conference next year in Hiroshima.

In reply to a final question — what made him happy? — Mr Wiesel had the last word on the press conference itself: "I belong to a special generation; our joy is never complete." There had been no champagne in his house, he said, when he was told he had won the prize.

When one friendly question finally emerged — that was, how did he feel about the hostile line of questioning with which he had been greeted? — the guest of honour complained: "You are asking me questions because I am a Jew that you would not have otherwise asked me."

Norwegian and German journalists repeatedly returned to the theme of Israeli treatment of the Palestinians, several times asking Mr Wiesel, whose reputation as a writer is based on his personal experiences during the holo-

Washington abstains in UN censure vote

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Israel's violent response to Palestinian demonstrators on the West Bank was strongly censured by the United Nations Security Council last night, when it called for maximum restraint to prevent tensions escalating further.

In a rare departure from its policy of shielding Israel from formal criticism, the United States reinforced the Council's view that the Israelis' show of force could only fuel confrontation and inspire rioting.

Fourteen Council members approved the resolution and the Reagan Administration showed its displeasure by abstaining.

The American acquiescence to a resolution it would have normally blocked angered the Israelis, who maintained throughout the two-day debate that their soldiers were

forced to fire at the protesters. Mr Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli representative, said there was a conspiracy to provoke violence in the region, which the Israeli Government sought to pacify.

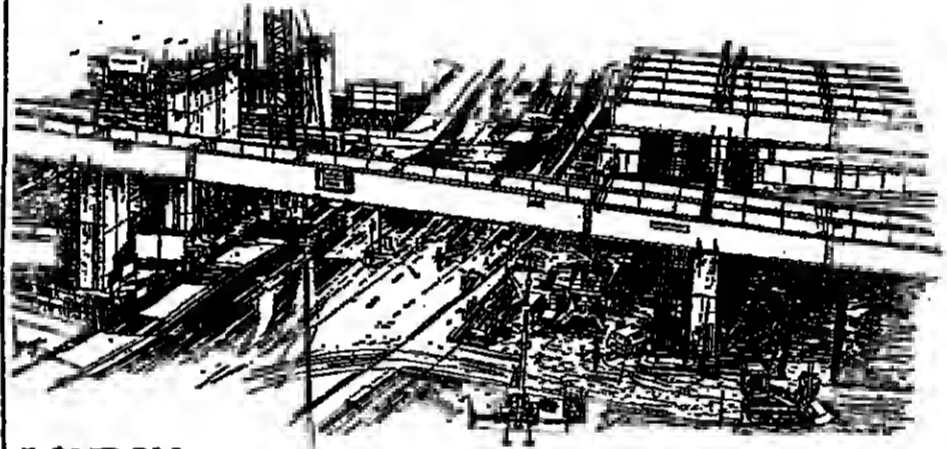
But the US decision was seen as an attempt to restore its credibility with moderate Arab countries after the debacle over disclosures of arms shipments to Iran.

● JERUSALEM: Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said yesterday that he regretted the American decision to abstain (Ian Murray writes). An American veto would have stopped the resolution.

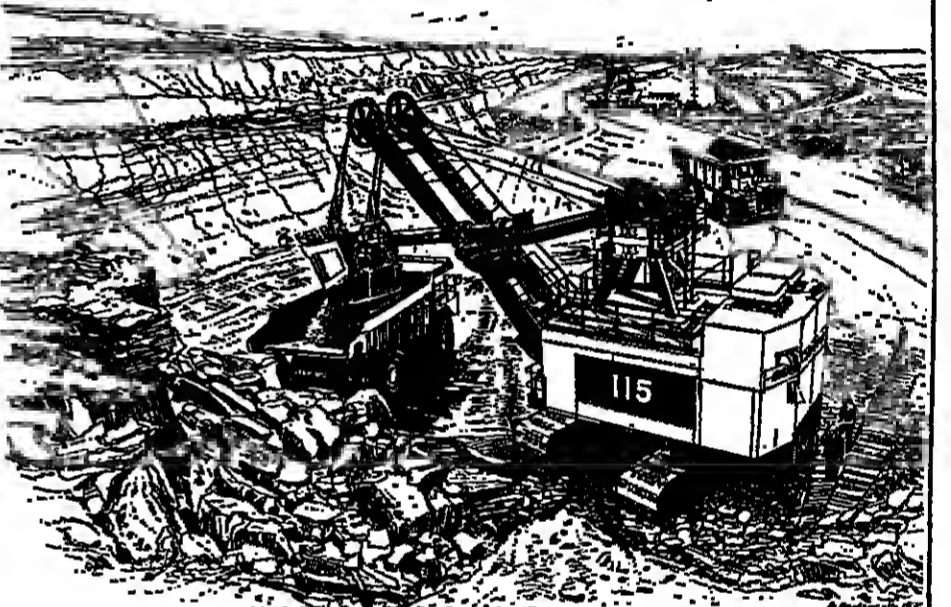
He said this was the second time "over the last period" that the US had abstained on an issue involving Israel.

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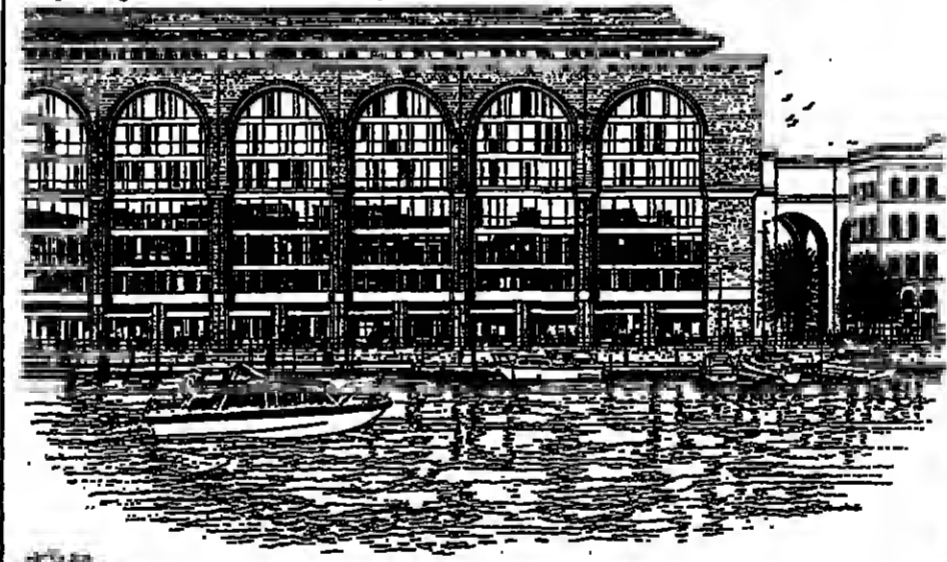
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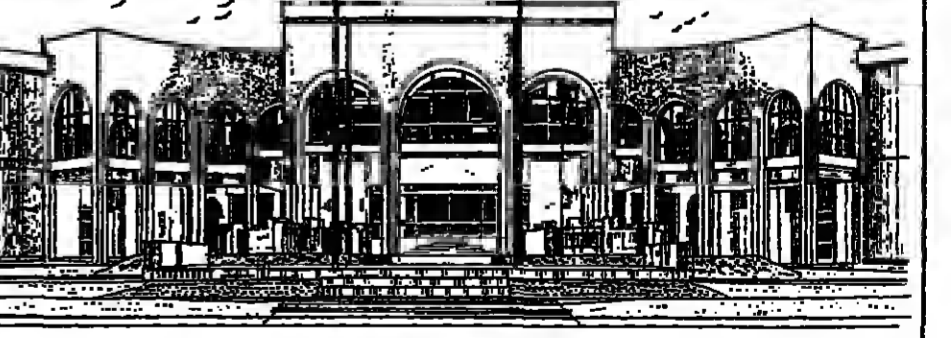
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The MI5 hearing: former spycatcher ends his testimony

Wright claims taking part in many illegal but deniable operations

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Mr Peter Wright said yesterday he had taken part in "tens, possible hundreds" of illegal operations during his employment by MI5...

tion by Mr Theo Simos, QC, counsel for the British Government, came as something of an anti-climax.

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Mr Wright: 'I have done far more for my country than most people.'

Mr Wright also cross-examined on missing correspondence with Mr Chapman Fincher, the author and journalist. Some weeks ago Mr Wright gave a written answer about the whereabouts of the papers in which he said he believed they had been lost.

Mr Wright: "I can't say I do remember. (that). I remember a statement being issued. I don't know what was in it."

7 killed and 400 hurt in Bangladesh local polls

From Ahmed Fazi, Dhaka

At least seven people were killed and more than 400 wounded as armed clashes between government and opposition supporters wrecked voting on Monday in local council by-elections in 31 sub-districts in central and south-eastern Bangladesh.

Blacks hold key to \$210bn

From David Watts, Tokyo

Black Americans are a \$210 billion (£150 billion) market that will be threatened if Japan does not become "sensitive to the frictions and agendas of the other nations and peoples of the world."

14 die in ambush as anarchy grows in north Uganda

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

A disturbing picture of widespread anarchy is emerging from northern Uganda after the ambush of a large relief convoy returning from the southern Sudan last weekend. Ten Kenyan drivers and at least four military escorts were killed by anti-government rebels.

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THE ARTS

Fiddler on the hoof

Tonight the young pop and classical violinist Nigel Kennedy will play the Elgar Violin Concerto at the Festival Hall. Richard Morrison spoke to him about his mixed tastes in music



Wired for sound: Nigel Kennedy at home with his "Cathedral" Strad and electric violin on the floor

In his modest basement flat in Tufnell Park, north London, Britain's most celebrated young violinist displays some prized possessions. "That's the one you can leave lying around," says Nigel Kennedy of the electric violin at his feet, all "hooked up" to amplifier and pedal modulators and ready to juggle Kennedy into some new-wave classic at the flick of a switch.

Kennedy made his first foray into the jazz field for Chandos Records: an album called "Strad Jazz". Unfortunately, the title misled many jazz buffs into expecting something in the mould of Grappelli, Kennedy's early jazz mentor. "A lot of people were disappointed because it didn't sound like Steph. You know it was called 'Strad Jazz'? Well, they thought that meant 'trad'."

He was, however, marked out and rigorously trained as a potential solo violinist from a tender age, and the prolonged attentions of a BBC TV documentary team ensured that his growing-up process was accomplished in highly public circumstances. He spent nearly ten years at one of Britain's "specialist music schools" (the Yehudi Menuhin School), and an equally intense three years at the Juilliard School in New York. Now he has mixed views on this sort of hothouse education.

He practises daily for a solid five hours, of which about 90 minutes is devoted to technical exercises alone (many of them evolved by himself). This maintains "a certain physical well-being on the instrument", and supports a concert schedule of around 120 engagements every year — or one public ordeal every three days.

Suffering dressed up

About 40,000 children will die today. The same number died yesterday. The same will die tomorrow, of malnutrition, dehydration, measles and other preventable causes.

TELEVISION

again, underpinning it with resistable statistics and Peter George's often beautiful camerawork — footage which seemed far too arty for the subject matter.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Admittedly, there were some longeurs which needed filling in Peter Buckman's ponderous dramatization. Nevertheless, beneath the over-melodious euphony, Wendy Hiller was immaculately mischievous as the bereft Lady Stane while Maurice Denham gave a nice rendering of Mr Brockstro, an estate agent with imminent proofs of the end of the world.

Stone dead, but lively as ever

Candida King's Head

Candida is a good example of Shaw's mysterious capacity to write topical plays that somehow achieved lasting existence.

THEATRE

Nicholas Amer's bleary old Burgess subsiding under an avalanche of pious rhetoric, it is clear that the supporting entertainment is in safe hands.



Maureen O'Brien as Candida and David Rintoul as Morrell twisting his hands together, crumbling into little boy apologies, and stumbling over the furniture.

Patience brings reward

OPERA

Samson Covent Garden

This still may not be a production quite to bring the house down, but the sage elegance of Elijah Moshinsky's Handel is now more evident than, by all accounts, it was last year, when Samson was staged as the Royal Opera's tercentenary tribute.



Robert Tear and Carol Vaness: a purposeful encounter

Carol Vaness repeats a Dalia of as much radiant pride as seductive allure. In her bearing and in her vocal demeanour she projects a believably 18th-century image of sensuality: an awareness of existing as an emblem.

Long wait for laughs

Turkey Time Bristol Old Vic

Stuart's dining room in Duddeworth-on-Sea we have been softened up, taken back to 1931, and now we should like to laugh, please.

Die Fledermaus Coliseum

In the early years of the century Mahler rebuked the Vienna State Opera, of which he was then director, with the remark "Tradition is slovenliness".

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courtesy of Moët and Chandon. This year's vintage is above average. Valerie Masterson, singing Rosalinda here for the first time, is the epitome of Viennese elegance.

Richard Fairman

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A touch too chilling RECITAL Siegfried Jerusalem Wigmore Hall of the narrow, rising phrases of the penultimate song's vision of the three ghostly suns. But Jerusalem's is an heroic tenor, too, and this rare quality made all too little mark on the cycle. However weary this traveller, he is perpetually "Ohne ruh, und suche ruh" — "Without rest, seeking rest" — and it was this sense of

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SPECTRUM

Behind the closed frontiers of fear

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE On International Human Rights Day, Caroline Moorehead reports from the Soviet Union on the Jews who face jail and torture for trying to leave the country

As the fourth meeting to review the Helsinki Final Act... which in 1975 laid down, among other things, conditions for emigration from the USSR... continues this month in Vienna...

Yuri Kosharovsky is a wiry, neat man with a trim beard and large spectacles, a radio electronics engineer with four children. Seventeen years ago he applied to leave, but was turned down for having once had access to "classified documents"...



In waiting: (from left) Oksana Kholmiansky, Yuri Kosharovsky, Alex Joffe and Mischa Kholmiansky

body bruised from two weeks in the camp's Block 16, filled with men considered "uncorruptible". He had been raped many times. If arrests are designed to intimidate, they do so effectively. There is something so random about the persecution, so sudden, that those who live "in refusal" remain ever alert. The women look strikingly tired, but it is the children and the teenagers who seem to suffer most, their faces pinched and wan.

into force next month when, for the first time, precise requirements for emigration are to be spelled out. In appearance this law is more restrictive than anything before: only immediate family ties are to be considered reasons for emigration. But then there are other clauses, murky and expressed in other "valid and satisfactory reasons". The refusniks gather, question, wonder. Will it be better or worse? What does it mean?

250,000 became successful final applications. Some 350,000 to 400,000 never followed up their initial enquiries. Among the 10,000 thought to live in the greyness of repeated refusal, there are perhaps 1,000 "active" in Moscow, another 800 in Leningrad.

A wish to leave became a mark of treason

refusniks' more recent releases from Siberia. In appearance seemingly too fragile to have endured so much, he tells how he was arrested while on a Bible-reading holiday in Estonia, how his flat was searched and drugs and a gun planted, how he went on a five-month hunger strike, continuously force-fed after the first 17 days, and how he spent seven days in a punishment cell wearing only underpants, so cold that he would have died had he not kept moving.

Even for those not arrested, intimidation is persistent and pervasive. From the moment the application for an exit visa is made - a long elaborate ritual, involving many permits and signatures - the entire family sinks into a limbo. The low level anti-Semitism that has marked much of Soviet life for so long becomes more overt.

We believe that only the West can save us

"We are all big lawyers now", says Alex Joffe, a central figure among refusniks in Moscow. What is most poignant, among the refusniks, is the feeling of confusion. Will it do more or less good to re-apply? Is it better to be conciliatory or outspoken? There are no rules.

Each one to whom I spoke made the request - politely, trying hard not to sound insistent - that their particular name, their particular story, be publicized. "We may be afraid, but we believe that only you in the West can save us", Galina Zelichenok said. For some of the refusniks, driven to the very edge of despair, it is hard to see what else is left.

Sharansky's new shades of grey

He is growing fat and he has altered his mind, but his mind is as lean and hungry as ever, and Natan Sharansky (right), is battling for human rights as fiercely as when he captured world attention from his Soviet prison cell under the name of Anatoly Shcharansky. Today he is in Washington to commemorate International Human Rights Day alongside President Reagan...



Palestinian who wants to open a dialogue. There is, he says, no lack of a desire in Israel to talk but a lack of anyone to talk to. "People must find ways of talking to one another so that we can live together," he says, without knowing what those ways might be.

The contradictions of living in a democracy puzzle him. "Freedom of expression is something that is very surprising. In the Soviet Union the right to be able to criticize the state is the acute you strive for. Here criticism of the government is the most cheap thing. It is much more difficult to criticize your friend than the government."

In Washington he wants to mobilize an army of critics against new Soviet emigration rules which come into force in the New Year. They have been introduced, he says, to create the impression that there is a more liberal regime ready to help emigration. In reality he insists it will make Jewish emigration "practically impossible".

His own criticism of the Israeli government is that it has failed to take a lead in putting pressure on the Soviet Union. "Quiet diplomacy only helps to undermine our struggle. There can be no improvement in relations without solving the problem of Soviet Jewry."

Each morning he tries to turn his mind back, struggling to remember, for his memoirs, his 12 years in prison. He has found it can take four or five hours to recall the atmosphere of those years so that he can write about them. The daily diversions are many and, since his baby daughter Rachel arrived last month, he has found he no longer knows when the nights end and the days begin.

He is happily dissatisfied. His daughter interrupts his sleep and his wife, Avital, tries to impose a diet. "I enjoy every day and every hour living here in freedom. But life is much more complicated and in some sense more difficult than in prison. In prison everything is black and white and you only have to keep a distance between yourself and the KGB. Here it is necessary to live with the grey."

He was caught in the grey area last month when he agreed to meet an Arab journalist to talk about human rights and found himself with Faisal Husseini, a known supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Furious at a published story claiming he had agreed to help the PLO, he paid for large newspaper advertisements to say: "The barbarous methods of this organization of cut-throats violate every human standard."

In the same terms as the Israeli government he rejects the PLO as "supporters of terror" ready to kill any moderate

by his calculation there are now some five million people in labour camps with another two million awaiting trial and six million "half slaves" forced to work in dangerous factories or on construction sites.

The Soviet Union of Mr Gorbachov, he says, is already tougher than the one he knew, but the new Soviet leader is so talented at using the western media that he has succeeded in creating the opposite impression.

Ian Murray

At noon today protesters will gather outside the Aeroflot offices in London to complain about a new law making emigration from the Soviet Union yet harder and about Soviet gross violations of the Helsinki Accord.

There are to be rallies, speeches, petitions, a protest to the Foreign Office in London, an attempt to present letters of protest to Gorbachov in Moscow.

THE TIMES UMBRELLA



The English weather makes umbrellas a necessity and the Times golf umbrellas offers a stylish alternative to the rather mundane 'brother' so many of us carry. Bright and attractive, the cover has bold panels of white and French Navy, with the newspaper's logo reproduced in black on each of the white panels.

Form for ordering The Times Umbrella, including fields for name, address, and contact information.

Taking dirty money to the cleaners

Money is one of the occupational hazards of being a successful drug trafficker in the United States. Under American law, banks have to notify the authorities of any cash deposit over \$10,000 yet drug dealing generates an estimated \$50 to \$60 billion every year.

A British customs man has helped break a money laundering scandal that has brought to book a racketeer



The laundry men: Cuebas (left), Guzman and Zawadski

It is a problem men like Oscar Cuebas had a solution for. They offered their fiduciary skills for a percentage of the money they handled. And the scheme only flourished because of the suspicions and investigatory skills of a British customs officer (see below).

trained economist with a thesis on South American agriculture to his credit. The money gets cleaner as it gets further from its source, shuttled through a network of accounts, it can eventually be returned to anonymous accounts belonging to its owners back in the country of origin.

Simplicity was their key. Money went by a freight subsidiary of the Delta Krool group from Miami to Swiss bank accounts, travelling in sealed envelopes as high-security documents transported, unwittingly, by Brinks, the American security firm.

Colombian in his fifties, as warehouseman. Dealers or traffickers would give their money to him. Zawadski would count the money with special money counting machines and pack the cash in air mail envelopes, which he stored in a spare apartment near his home. The money would be flown to London in a suitcase carried by one of the network's nine couriers.

left, Zawadski telephoned London to give the time of arrival for the flight. Once it had landed, Cuebas began the next task of funneling the money through the banking system. He paid the cash into a branch of Citibank in the Strand. From there it was wired back to American accounts. Citibank staff became familiar with Cuebas, who appeared two or three times a week just before closing time.

HOW A CUSTOMS MAN CLOSED THE LAUNDRY

Bob Snuggs is the customs man whose alertness led to the collapse of the dirty money operation. Patient work and a lucky break was to show that such networks can be unraveled. In the autumn of 1984 he stopped a Colombian called Carlos Guzman, who was carrying \$300,000 and apparently worked for a firm called International Business and Trade Inc. Guzman was Oscar Cuebas's main courier.

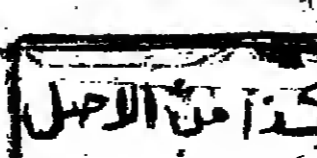
Snuggs found connections to the Citibank operation. Cuebas was now fitting in and out of London operating from a second London flat, still trying to operate. But a third courier was stopped in London. Cuebas flew to Switzerland to empty his accounts and the police were waiting.

The Americana had cracked codes in Zawadski's records which showed the existence of Swiss accounts. The Swiss authorities traced and froze them. Cuebas arrived in Geneva, unaware of this, to draw money. Refused cash, he travelled to his Zurich bank to find out why and was held.

In all, \$3 million was recovered - but the customs officers know \$25 million moved through the system in five months in 1984. The search is still going on along the many conduits.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Empress of all she surveys

Starting a business is one thing, building an empire is another. Sally Brompton met three women who thought big and made it big

Maureen Foers decided to start up her own business after she was fired from her job as managing executive of an employment agency...

The fact that she was ambitious, as well as possessing the necessary energy and experience, earmarked the 47-year-old Foers for success...

They thrive, these empresses, on a cross-section of challenges without losing touch with their original base...

Maureen Foers's resourcefulness led her from one bright idea to the next...

and if I wanted people to be able to work for me or my clients I ought to make provision for young children...

Foers's empire blossomed - based primarily on her employment agency - until the mid-seventies...

Looking at her career objectively she says: "I should probably have concentrated on one thing, but if I had I wouldn't still be around..."

Sylvia Holder laid the foundations of her empire in the tiny spare bedroom of her North London flat...

She and her partner each invested £250 in the company and began writing letters to everyone they could think of...

Their first PR account, a leading Chelsea restaurant, came from answering a classified advertisement...



Sweet smiles of success: Sylvia Holder (left) and Lindsay Swan, empire builders in PR and sandwiches

ment in The Times. A Mayfair hairdresser and Trusthouse Forte followed...

Her partner left after having a baby and Holder joined forces with Lindsay Swan, with whom she had worked in South Africa...

They moved to an office in north west London which had a leaking roof but enough space to employ a secretary...

They advertised the service in Yellow Pages and "business blossomed - not enough to keep us going on its own..."

pay an average subscription of £18 a month. Spurred on by the simplicity and success of the answering service...

Within weeks turnover tripled, but then they began having problems with the people who were managing it...

"I remember once we got a call from the sandwich bar manager who had cut his arm and wanted us to rush down there just as we were about to run a press conference for a major client..."

After two years they decided they had had enough and sold the bar for more than twice the sum they had originally paid for it...

flourishing, concentrated mainly around the travel industry. Their accounts included the English Tourist Board, a safari tour operator...

Even so, the temptation to extend their talents remained, and since they already had the necessary infrastructure they decided to start a humorous greetings card company...

While public relations, which now brings them a turnover of £100,000 a year, remains their first love, Holder admits: "I suppose I've always had this insatiable appetite to flirt with something else although Lindsay is more cautious..."

By now their PR business was

Whose fight is it, anyway?

Violence between spouses, says Barbara Amiel, is a problem for them to resolve

Perhaps I am alone in this, but I couldn't help feeling some empathy with the silly spectacle Mr and Mrs Shilton made of themselves recently...

It seems that Mr Peter Shilton, the 37-year-old Southampton goalkeeper who has also captained England, awarded himself a late night out after his team finally managed a first division win...

Come morning, when Mrs Shilton might have been expected to lay assault charges, she was repentant...

For my money, whatever domestic violence took place between the Shiltons in their own business. The fact that they called in the police and spent some of my tax pounds having an enforced cooling off period is unfortunate...

Not many wives want to see their husbands in jail. To start encouraging the police to lay charges when spouses are unwilling to do so seems to me an ill-advised policy...

Some people believe that the solution to ending violence between married couples was to make it legal for husbands and wives to testify against each other in court...

For many of us, this was a truly black moment both in the development of British jurisprudence and in the integrity of the family...

This being so, the emphasis in obtaining domestic violence convictions has now shifted to the police...

Whether this is effective or not is anyone's guess. The Americans say that cases of domestic violence are reduced now that the police are readier to lay charges...

Paula Youens



Not many wives want to see their husbands in jail

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THE TIMES DIARY

Second thoughts

Did Mrs Thatcher, despite TV-am's opinion poll, suffer a momentary crisis of confidence yesterday? In her address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg she noted with pleasure that she was the first European head of government to serve two six-month terms as president of the EEC council of ministers. An early draft of her speech reveals that she originally intended to add that she was looking forward to a third term in 1992; in the event she passed on to other matters. Has the Wright affair clouded her conviction that she can lead the Tories to another election victory?

Smoked out

Sacked from his £1.500 community liaison officer job with Knowsley council, stripped of his Labour Party membership and deputy leadership of Liverpool council (worth £4,000 in allowances), Derek Hatton now faces further humiliation. Richard Pine, Liberal deputy leader on Liverpool council, is concerned that Hatton is still picking up £3,000 a year as chairman of the Merseyside Fire Service Joint Board. Hatton is supporting industrial action over the loss of 88 jobs in the fire service resulting from a recent reorganization. Next week, Pine will propose that Liverpool council withdraw Hatton's nomination to the board. "The Labour councillors have promised to have nothing more to do with Hatton. Since he is no longer part of the Labour group he cannot possibly be its nominee," Pine says.

Really...

It has taken 400 years, but someone has got his revenge on Sir Walter Raleigh for defacing Queen Elizabeth's palace windows by scratching them with amorous messages. Less creative vandals have made two large holes in a stained glass window in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, dedicated to Sir Walter.

Name game

Members of the Commons select committee on the Treasury and Civil Service are rubbing their eyes over the name plate on the desk of their chairman. They are convinced it used to read Terence Higgins. Now it says T.L. Higgins. Could Higgins, noted for his sympathetic attitude to homosexual rights, be embarrassed at sharing his name with an Aids charity? "There has been no change at all," Higgins says.

BARRY FANTONI



"May I request a brief recess, Mr Toad? It seems a Mr Kinnock is on the telephone"

In the know

Sir Edward Gardner's private member's bill proposing a British human rights bill has attracted interest from an unlikely quarter. On Monday he was visited by Valeri Krasnov, a Soviet embassy official, who told him of the Kremlin's plan to stage an international conference on humanitarian issues and asked if the relevant papers on the Gardner bill could be sent to the Soviet ambassador in Vienna. "And could you tell us the British government's reaction to the conference?" asked Krasnov. "I suggested he might better be able to inform me," says Gardner.

Eye to eyeball

I gather that the compilers of Robert Maxwell's spoof mag Not Private Eye - out today - had planned to give former Private Eye editor Richard Ingrams a taste of his own medicine by publishing his home number. They were dissuaded, I hear, only after Peter Jay, Maxwell's right-hand man, received a call from Ingrams - a pal of Jay's from Oxford days. Eye editor Leo Hishop says: "Ingrams threatened, if provoked, to print the numbers of all Maxwell's family, his doctor and dentist."

Off the cuff

Ronald Reagan's plummeting popularity does not seem to have affected interest in one of his old dinner jackets - now on offer through a classified ad in the San Francisco Chronicle. The owner, sports writer Greg Woodbridge, bought the jacket, made by Albert Mariani, to a Beverly Hills second-hand shop for \$5. He tells me that offers of up to \$900 are pouring in but he is holding out. "Ten thousand seems like a tidy sum." Odd that the jacket should have been thus neglected: one of Nancy's first telephone calls after the assassination attempt on her husband was to Mariani ordering a new suit.

North: a hero traduced

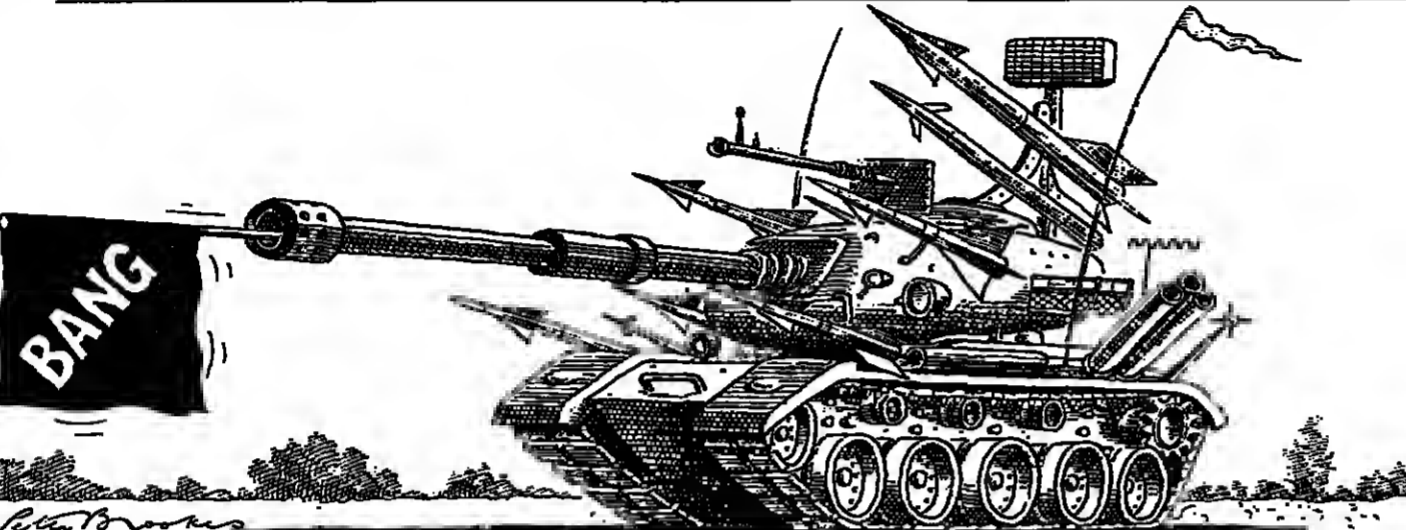
by Patrick J. Buchanan

Washington
Of all the lurid features in the tapestry of Contragate, perhaps the most revealing is the behaviour of the Republican Party establishment, which owes all it has and all it is to Ronald Reagan. With a few honourable exceptions - Senators Strom Thurmond and Ted Stevens come to mind - they have all gone virtually into hiding.

Men who are Chairman This and Senator That only because of Reagan are now making their future support of this embattled president conditional on their non-negotiable demand that he sack some of his oldest and closest friends.

secretly ordered American destroyers to hunt down German submarines in the Atlantic during World War II and to relay the information to the British fleet; so did those Americans who ran guns to the Jews in Palestine in 1947 and 1948.

Andrew McEwen on the dilemma facing Nato's foreign ministers



Rarely has an issue of such fundamental importance failed so completely to penetrate the consciousness of the western public as that facing Nato tomorrow.

Can we trust Moscow over troop cuts?

along the lines proposed in the Budapest Appeal at all. After 13 years of stalemate in the existing mutual balance force reductions talks (MBFR) in Vienna there are those who argue that both the Halifax and Budapest lines of thought are wildly over-ambitious.

ground in western public opinion, pointing to Gorbachev's refusal to accept a nuclear arms deal at Reykjavik unless Washington abandoned the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Cory's peace talks balancing act

President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines today embarks on the first attempt to bring about a negotiated settlement to a communist insurgency in Asia since the end of the war in Vietnam.

ment is balancing on a knife-edge. The NDF recently asked her to revoke the claim by General Ramos, the army chief of staff, and the oed defence minister, Rafael Ileta, that the army still has the right to carry out patrols in rebel-held territory and arrest guerrillas bearing arms.

she could well isolate them from the extremists. The role played by her new cabinet, whose composition is still to be announced, will play a pivotal role in ensuring the army's confidence. Much of its hostility to the civilian government is the result of previous appointments.

David Watts and Michael Dynes

Alastair Kilmarnock

A strategy for Aids

Aids is not a plague in the medieval sense since it is transmitted only through certain identified routes. Though insidious and lethal, it is not yet a catastrophe. But it could become one.

within the national strategic plan - which does not yet exist - to target it effectively. The action initiated on the public information front is on the right lines but the medical and scientific fronts are seriously under-resourced and under-managed.

This year there have been 600 Aids patients and the number is expected to double annually. That means there will be nearly 20,000 cases by 1991.

Of course, someone in government might devise a better model. But some such strategic structure is essential. To any accusation of over-centralization I would respond that bids will come from the bottom up and implementation will owe everything to personal responsibility and local effort.

The Secretary of State must therefore make totally clear that Aids funding will not just be carved out of the main NHS budget. New money must be committed and an efficient and speedy system must be devised

Lord Kilmarnock is deputy leader of the SDP peers and its spokesman in the Lords on health and social services.

Philip Howard

Muezzin of the paperback

Men have authority over women because God has made them superior, and because they support the women financially. Men are better than women. Good women are obedient. They guard their private parts because God has guarded them. If you have women you suspect are going to disobey you, admonish them, send them to a separate bed, and beat them.

young Nessim planned to go home to Baghdad after graduating, and devote his life to translating Shakespeare (for whom he had developed a passion as a boy, having first looking up most words in a dictionary) into Arabic. But he fell in with Dr E.V. Rieu, then busily translating Homer and editing the inchoate Penguin Classics. And as a very young man Dawood translated the Koran treated as literature rather than the words of God.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 10 1914

On November 1 the German East Asiatic Squadron, under Admiral Graf von Spee, had defeated Admiral Cradock's outdated cruisers; he and 1,650 men lost the sea. A strong British force which included the battle cruisers *Invincible* and *Inflexible* was assembled which caught up with the German ships on December 8 and sank them. Like Cradock, von Spee went down with his ship.

BRITISH VICTORY OFF THE FALKLANDS.

A DRAMATIC RETRIBUTION.
(From Our Naval Correspondent.)

The announcement that a British squadron under the command of Sir Frederick Sturdee has met and defeated the German command led by Admiral Graf von Spee, and that the latter's flagship with two other German ships engaged in the battle were sunk, is doubly satisfactory. This victory avenges the loss of Admiral Cradock and his gallant comrades and at the same time removes from the high seas the most important of the war-vessels that Germany has had at large. It is a dramatic act of retribution, and indicates that when the correct strategic course was followed, the stroke falls hard and sure. . . .

THE BATTLE OFF CORONEL.

It is just five weeks ago that Sir Christopher Cradock, with the Good Hope, Monmouth, and Glasgow, met the German squadron under Admiral Graf von Spee off the coast of Chile. Whether the British Admiral knew that he was likely to meet an enemy superior force in those waters is not known, but with the gallantry and dash which were among his most notable characteristics he engaged the enemy with lamentable results. Opposed to an overwhelming preponderance of gunfire, both the Good Hope and the Monmouth were quickly in a blaze and, fighting with undaunted courage to the last, the two vessels sank with all on board. The Glasgow alone of the three British ships escaped. At the range at which the action took place the lighter armament on either side must have been all but useless, while in addition the weather conditions were against the full employment of the lower batteries of the British cruisers. On the other hand, the marksmanship of the German gunners was of the best, and from the small loss on their side they could have scarcely felt the effect of the British fire at all.

In the battle which is now reported to have taken place off the Falkland Islands, it is on the British side that the casualties are few in number, and it may be assumed, therefore, that the conditions were more or less reversed and that bigger ships and better shooting told as they always should. The bright features of the disastrous action of November 1 were the gallantry of the British Admirals and the courage and endurance of the British seamen. So also we may be sure that Admiral von Spee and the crews of his ships most gallantly contested the engagement, performed their duty to the end, and died with honour.

THE GERMAN VESSELS.

Of the three German ships which have now been sunk the *Schachterluth* and *Gauenau* are cruisers of 11,400 tons displacement, and before the war began had formed part of the squadron on the China station. They are sister ships, identical in every respect, being well protected by armour and having a powerful armament. This comprised eight 8.2-inch, six 5.9-inch, and fourteen 24-pounder guns, with four submerged torpedo-tubes. The heaviest gun threw a projectile weighing 275lb, while the 5.9-inch gun fired projectiles weighing nearly 100lb. Designed originally for 22.5 knots, both ships had exceeded this speed, but probably from the long time they have been out of dock they were not so fast in their later days. . . .

Badgering badgers

From Mr R. W. Rogers
Sir, For years we have had a flourishing colony of badgers in the boundary hedge of an arable field, where we welcome their presence. But when their excavations extend 20 or 30 yards into the crop we fill them in; the damage to a combine harvester if a wheel drops into one of their gigantic holes can run into hundreds of pounds.

The number of badgers shows no sign of decreasing, but judging by the size of the set has increased steadily over the last few years. Yours faithfully,
R. W. ROGERS,
Court Lodge, Horton Kirby, Dartford, Kent.

Mother's pride

From Mrs R. P. Siles
Sir, Whenever I have been asked for my opinion (letter, December 1) I have found that the title "household executive" has adequately described my occupation and life style. Yours faithfully,
PAT STILES,
39 Loglands, Charmanhead, Worthing, West Sussex. December 2.

DEEDS NOT WORDS

There was an unheroic contrast between the Prime Minister's strong call yesterday for reform of Europe's agricultural policy and the way she allowed the problem handily to be passed over at last week's European summit in London. The leaders with the real power to promote reform were in London, while the Euro-MPs were in Strasbourg she was addressing yesterday in Strasbourg can only exercise limited influence in the search for a solution.

It is, however, at least a welcome development that the Euro-MPs have recently come round to acknowledging that reform is necessary. The communique from the London summit did not even admit that much — a paragraph to that effect in the draft having been struck out at the behest of the French and Germans, after the briefest possible discussion.

Yet all those involved knew in their hearts that it is imperative for a definitive resolution to be reached within months, if budgetary tensions are not to build up to a point where the basis of the European settlement will be jeopardised. The agreements that were reached in London, on terrorism, drugs, jabs, Aids and internal free trade — worth-while enough in themselves — are of marginal significance compared to this

central threat to the Community. Half of its expenditure in all categories goes towards the storage and disposal of unwanted food surpluses, and total expenditure is likely to overrun its budget by no less than £3bn next year. The participants in the London summit treated it like one of those Christmaside family reunions where the chief preoccupation on all sides is to get through the celebrations without waking any sleeping dogs or letting any skeletons out of cupboards, before dispersing gratefully till next year. But for the European family what is in prospect is not a year's respite, but a year of increasingly desperate intimacy.

The impossibility of making any progress while West Germany was on the edge of a general election was much rehearsed. German Chancellors have lived for many years in holy terror of their farmers and of the populist right. But in a Community of 12 someone is always going to be on the verge of an election. Next time round, it may be us. There will always be arguments for putting off the day.

The problem could not have been solved at a stroke in London, but the leaders could at least have had enough respect for their electorates to warn them that hard decisions were coming. For the truth is that any solution is going to

hurt. The longer an abuse is left unrectified, the harsher it is for its beneficiaries when reality eventually breaks in. For Britain in particular, in the approach to a general election, hard decisions are inevitable. A high proportion of British farms are already relatively efficient and productive. They thus have nothing to hope for from measures designed to soften the blow to farming communities struggling to survive on adverse terrain. The richer members of the EEC will all have to bear the cost of ensuring that the impact of reform does not fall with disastrous effect on the poorer, less highly mechanised farmers of the Community's new Mediterranean partners.

The sooner action is taken, the more scope there will be to phase in the new regime without too violent a transition. The cost of storing elderly butter eats up resources which ought to be channelled more discriminatorily to where they are needed through the EEC's regional and social funds.

There will be storms of protest from the farmers, and in Britain at least, few immediate rewards to gratify the main ultimate beneficiary, the taxpayer. But unless Europe's leaders give clear warning of what is coming, and has to come, they will be on weak ground when they have to ask their voters to trust them and accept it.

THE AWACS VARIATION

Nine years ago, the Government of Mr James Callaghan, faced with the need to choose a new air-borne early warning, AEW, aircraft for the RAF, made the wrong decision for the right reasons. The present government must now beware of making the same mistake.

The right decision must now be to buy the Boeing E-3 Awacs, 54 of which are already in service with the United States Air Force, with NATO in Europe and with Saudi Arabia. Boeing is bidding to supply eight of the planes (which are based upon the air frame of the 707 airliner) within 3 years at a cost of up to £1 billion.

To go for this safe but expensive option would mean reversing the 1977 decision to "buy British" — in the shape of the Nimrod alternative. This had been developed by British Aerospace from the old Comet air frame and had already proved itself as a highly successful maritime reconnaissance aircraft — probably the best in the world.

For British Aerospace to team up with GEC who would develop an all-British radar system, seemed at the time a natural solution to the RAF's problems as the Ministry of Defence cast around for a successor to the squadron of elderly AEW Shackletons. The trouble is, as everyone now must know, that the British rival to Awacs has failed to meet RAF requirements and is three years late.

The decision to cut one's losses by cancelling Nimrod and opting belatedly for Awacs is harder than it sounds. With £900 million already spent on

Nimrod, the Ministry of Defence is understandably reluctant to turn its back on one investment and plunge into another even bigger one — especially at a time when money is tight.

To place any government contract outside Britain at a time of high unemployment and with a general election around the corner can hardly sound like good politics to the Defence Secretary, Mr George Younger — though Boeing is apparently willing to offset the Awacs deal with high-tech purchases from British industry. He cannot forget that he entered his sixth floor office at the Ministry earlier this year as the indirect beneficiary of the Westland fiasco — which bore one or two similarities to the present one.

Nor can he view with enthusiasm the inevitable accusation that by giving away the contract now to Boeing, he has "knocked another nail in the coffin of Britain's manufacturing industry". Opposition MPs are already preparing to put him under fire for damaging the country's high-tech potential. It would certainly mean that the monopoly for long-range AEW technology would be given for ever to Boeing and the opportunity to establish a place for Britain in the field would have been lost.

On the other hand, the opportunity has been virtually forfeited already. GEC has had nine years to get it right and still needs a further £500 million to finish the job. It is difficult for any layman to judge the relative merits of the two systems, partly because detailed information of performance is classified and partly

because, even if it were not so, only specialists in the field could make the right kind of assessment. But the indications are that the RAF considers the Awacs system to be technically superior.

The sorry history of Nimrod has so far been one of mutual recrimination. The Ministry of Defence has accused GEC of being over-confident in the first place and of thereby misleading Whitehall. GEC has replied by protesting that the reason it has scored so badly is that the RAF keeps moving the goal posts.

For the RAF to describe its requirements for an AEW system to operate over the North Sea, then to complain that it does not perform well enough over land, seems to GEC to be intolerably perverse. No doubt this is partly true. Yet defence requirements alter with the enemy threat and, in the high technology area, they are liable to alter quickly and often.

Nimrod was never likely to be as comprehensive a solution as was Awacs. The Comet air frame is smaller than that of the 707, which means that its payload (particularly the radar dish it carries) is more restricted. At best, Nimrod looked as if it might just be good enough — as opposed to being a better alternative operationally. To continue pouring money into what was always going to be a poor relation of Awacs would now be a mistake.

Political considerations must enter into any decisions by governments. But in the end it is the quality of the end product in defence matters which must be paramount.

Striking a balance in nuclear role

From the Director of the West European Defence Association
Sir, Mr Neil Kinnock in his US tour has accused Nato Supreme Commander, General Bernard Rogers, of attempting to influence the "conduct of events in . . . constituent democracies within the Nato Alliance" (report, December 5).

General Rogers, in conjunction with all Alliance members, is responsible for Nato's strategy, protection and forward planning. In an interview with a German magazine to which Mr Kinnock alluded, General Rogers quite correctly questioned the outcome for Nato and the US commitment to Europe should the unilateralist policies of the Labour Party be implemented.

It was precisely to influence US political thinking — particularly on matters of defence as we go toward a general election — that Mr Kinnock's visit was undertaken. Hence his heavy emphasis on explaining his party's unilateralist policies.

In wishing to retain the right to criticise the US presence in the United Kingdom, he appears also to reserve the right to object to a US voice replying on the subject when he introduces it in theirs.

The fundamental that Mr Kinnock seems to have overlooked is that US bases in the United Kingdom are part of the overall US commitment to Europe and not to Britain in isolation from the Alliance. Removal of US bases or removal of their deterrents will affect Nato's

European structure and its ability to defend itself in times of threat. General Rogers understands that, as do most of us. Had Mr Kinnock's briefing been more assiduously applied, so would he. Yours faithfully,
E. B. LE CHÈNE, Director,
West European Defence Association,
Blandford House,
65 Blandford Street, W1.

From Wing Commander C. Critchton, RAF (retd)
Sir, Mr Kinnock, who is under intense actual domestic pressure, has missed an essential point. Deterrence by nuclear weapons is designed not only to prevent nuclear war but also to inhibit or stop large-scale conventional war, itself an appalling tragedy.

When I was taking an active part in the Nato standby arrangements more than 20 years ago, amongst ourselves we called the deterrent the "detergent" because it cleaned the politicians' minds with that unfading solvent, fear.

Mr Kinnock has done a lot of homework but continues to talk about immense increases in conventional arms way beyond the fairly hefty "trip-wire" arrangements we now have.

Nuclear weapons in the last 40 years have severely limited conventional war compared with the first half of the twentieth century, quite apart from totally preventing effective nuclear blackmail by either side.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CRITCHTON,
Longhorns, Blandford, Dorset.

Salt-2 breakdown

From Dr Patricia M. Lewis
Sir, Your leader (December 1) is absolutely correct that it is now time for a treaty better than Salt-2, but it will be difficult to negotiate in an atmosphere clouded by accusations of cheating and hazy break-out.

The Salt-2 treaty has indeed been beset by difficulties from its onset and the USA never ratified it. Accusations by the United States that the Soviet Union has violated the treaty are difficult to substantiate. Certainly no one is suggesting that the USSR has been violating the treaty to a level of gaining a significant strategic advantage.

Four of the allegations of violation rely on satellite photo-reconnaissance information which is not available for us to assess. For example, how can we, in Britain, judge whether the SS-25 is really a new missile, prohibited by the

treaty, or whether it is an allowed modified version of the SS-13? Also central to the allegations is the technology of missile test encryption. The wording in the treaty is ambiguous, to say the least, especially where items refer back to clauses in the Salt-1 treaty. Independent researchers cannot assess the encryption results, nor do we know which parts of the flight-test information the Soviet Union might be encrypting.

In the end, and it is the end of Salt-2, no treaty is enforceable and all are "merely understandings". Can it really be in the interests of global security to simply abandon Salt-2? Surely the true statesman-like action would have been to lighten the terms of the treaty and enhance verification measures.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA M. LEWIS,
Verification Technology Information Centre,
33 Southampton Street, WC2, December 1.

A place in space

From Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Cairns, RAF (ret'd)
Sir, One of the drawbacks to pursuing the European option for Britain's future relationships in space activities, advocated by Admiral Sir James Eberle (feature, November 13), is the lack of suitable real estate.

To become a major force in space it is first necessary to have a secure launching site. Of necessity this must have a range facing east, to utilize the throw weight provided by the earth's rotation, and an arc of 90 degrees, either to north or south, to allow maximum choice of orbital inclination (complete orbital flexibility can only be obtained from a site on the equator).

Ideally the site should be within one's own territory for security reasons and to reduce logistic problems. Above all, there must be a large area of open sea or very sparsely populated territory down range over the full firing arc.

One look at the map will show that there is nowhere in western Europe which meets any of the above criteria. In contrast, both China and Japan are relatively well endowed.

The European launching site in French Guyana is very well situated, apart from long-term security and logistic considerations, and in the much longer term a vehicle such as Hotol might resolve the problem by flying as a conventional aircraft from Europe to a suitable airfield near the equator, where it would return before launching itself into orbit.

As far as the super-powers are concerned, the US is well placed at Cape Canaveral and has an alternative site in Florida for polar orbits. Russia's choice of orbit inclination is more restricted than the USA's, due to the higher latitude of her present launching facilities.

This produces an important factor in *realpolitik*, since any object launched by Russia directly into a low earth orbit will inevitably pass over the USA shortly after launch and at frequent intervals thereafter, whereas the USA can, if they so wish, orbit their

own hardware without "over-flying" Soviet territory.

With anti-satellite systems in prospect, Russia might one day wish to redress this imbalance. It is certainly a situation which highlights how essential it is that the international agreements for access to space should hold even in the face of the fierce international competition which already exists and which can only grow.

Until the world is a safer place to live in, Britain, with or without Europe, would do better to keep further options open rather than rely on the long-term security of French Guyana or the technological success of Hotol.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY CAIRNS,
Powells, Kenn,
Exeter, Devon.

In private hands

From Professor Conrad Russell
Sir, In your yesterday's edition (November 29) you report that the new policy on wheel clamping represents a measure of privatization of law enforcement.

A historian is perhaps entitled to point out that this has happened before, under the name of patents of monopoly, in the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I, and that the result was the revival of impeachment. Between the ideal of justice and the profit motive, the potential for conflict of interest is considerable.

Yours faithfully,
CONRAD RUSSELL,
43 Streteley Road, NW6.

Bitter-sweet memory

From the High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Sir, May I, through your columns, assure your readers that Miss Entrac is being unnecessarily sparing with her Angostura bitters (December 3). In the Caribbean, Angostura is used liberally as both a food and drink ingredient. A bottle will rarely last more than a month.

Yours faithfully,
BASIL A. INCE,
High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago,
42 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Court cases to spare the child

From the Director of Social Services and Housing Services,
London Borough of Bexley
Sir, I read with interest the article by Glanville Williams (November 25) in which he advocates that the law should be changed in order to admit video recordings during the trial of individuals accused of child sexual abuse.

A special pilot project that we, together with Scotland Yard, have been conducting in Bexley, supports Mr Williams's view. Senior officers of Scotland Yard, the social services committee of this council and I all agreed that it was not in the interests of the child, nor indeed of justice being seen to be done, that victims of child sexual abuse should be subjected to fairly intensive interrogation by investigating police officers, followed by more questioning from "the caring agencies" and finally, months later, by examination and cross-examination in what, even to an adult, is the forbidding environment of an English court of law.

Therefore, we have devised a project where specially trained social workers and police officers conduct investigative interviews immediately after the offence is reported. The interviews are conducted in a special room in the paediatric department of the local district general hospital. The room itself is furnished in a comfortable, homely way.

Medical expertise is on hand, should a physical examination be necessary. Anatomically correct dolls are used so that the child can explain the events in his/her own way — adult language is not necessarily useful or possible in situations such as this.

Interviews are conducted and recorded on video whilst the incident is still relatively fresh in the child's mind.

I have little doubt that Glanville Williams is right when he asserts that victims of such traumatic events should not be required to live through their traumas all over again when the case comes to trial many months after the event.

Douglas Hurd has not, in my view, gone far enough. He should be prepared, in the interests of the welfare of child victims, to face down the lawyers' lobby.

Yours faithfully,
MANI SRIVALSAN,
Director of Social Services and Housing Services,
London Borough of Bexley,
Bexley Civic Offices,
Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent.

Ending apartheid

From Mr J. L. Inslay
Sir, As a South African visiting this country I find it impossible to contain my impatience with the opinions expressed in the letter (November 27) from the Executive Secretary of Christian Concern for Southern Africa.

I am a member of the Progressive Federal Party and thus a committed opponent of the Nationalist Government and its policies. My reason for this opposition is neither Christian nor idealistic but merely based on the practical view that a people denied a say in their own political future will sooner or later rebel. Thus far I can agree with Mr Kendall.

For the peaceful development of South Africa, Mr Kendall's "honest negotiations between leaders of all communities" are most certainly required, and preferably also the abolition of the notion of different communities, though this will obviously take time. Where I take issue with Mr Kendall is over his call for "encouragement from outside", apparently in the form of economic and financial pressure.

Does Christian Concern for Southern Africa not understand that such pressure promotes the violent disorder they envisage, deflects attention from reform and channels activity rather into sanctions busting and defiance; that I, and many like me, will in these circumstances be forced to support my Government, just as those with an eye to gaining power by revolution will be encouraged, thus polarising the country for civil war?

The future of South Africa is a matter for South Africans. The cessation of interference and the return of normal commercial diplomatic relations would help us more sensibly to develop that future. The irresponsible encouragement by so-called specialist institutions of steps calculated to increase violence, secure in the knowledge that it will not be theirs to endure, is an act of cynicism we can do without. Yours faithfully,
J. L. INSLAY,
22 Bracewell Road, W10.

THE RETURN OF THE PLO

The upsurge of violence in the West Bank over the past week has brought to notice once again the discontent of Palestinians living under Israeli rule. What is described as the worst violence in the West Bank since it was occupied in 1967 demonstrates, if demonstration were needed, that resentment over lost territory and lost rights does not die with the generation that sustained the loss.

The youths and, indeed, children throwing stones at Israeli convoys this week have known nothing other than Israeli rule. They claim harassment by Israeli forces; the Israelis claim their universities accommodate and give succour to subversives. There is, right, and wrong, on both sides.

Behind the immediate causes of the present conflict is the growing acceptance by Palestinians that international recognition of their cause has gone as far as it can go; that the hopes generated by the Jordanian-sponsored initiative are now dead; and that Jordan, by promising economic assistance to the occupied West Bank, is in effect underwriting the Israeli occupation. They have always clung, as they have always done, to the figure of Yassir Arafat, the one leader who has

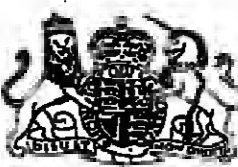
not appeared to compromise their cause. In recent weeks they will have been able to take courage from the victories of Yassir Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organization in southern Lebanon. The reintroduction of the PLO into Lebanon has been accomplished over months rather than weeks. But its latest successes, in and around the refugee camps of Beirut, show that despite its factionalism, the mystique of the PLO is still strong and in the figure of Yassir Arafat, in the absence of any other plausible leader, still commands authority.

The resurgence of the PLO poses a dilemma for Israel and Syria. Both have a continuing interest in curbing the Palestinian influence in Lebanon, partly for reasons of their own national security, partly — in the case of Israel — to discourage a resurgence of overt nationalism among the Palestinians of the occupied territories. However, both have to balance their commitment to what many see as a stable foreign cause — a stable Lebanon — with the cost in terms of economic stability and public opinion at home.

Israel scaled down its presence in Lebanon two years ago when the cost of involvement became too great. Syria faces a similar choice today. Its economy is too weak, and its political situation may be too delicate, to support further intervention. Yet further intervention, either by Israel or by Syria, will be considered desirable by some if the PLO is not to become the destabilizing force it was in Lebanon five years ago.

Yet the origins of the present uncertainty in the Middle East probably go beyond Syria to the setback experienced by the United States following the exposure of its dealings with Iran. The legality and moral considerations of the covert diplomacy aside, overt US influence held much in place. It acted as a restraint on Israel in its settlement of the West Bank, and it curbed Syrian influence by involving it, albeit indirectly, in the diplomatic process.

Now that US influence and authority in the Middle East have been weakened, at least for the time being, two of the most prominent players — Syria and Israel — have been left with pause for reflection. It is a pause the Palestinians have been able to exploit. It is a mark of how limited their influence remains, however, that the violence has been as circumscribed as it has.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 9: His Excellency
Senhor Celso de Souza e Silva
was received in audience by the
Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh...

relinquishing his appointment
as Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary from Uruguay
to the Court of St James's...

of the National Association of
Youth Clubs at the Royal Opera
House, Covent Garden.
Lieutenant-Colonel Brian
Anderson was in attendance...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.C.W. Campbell
and Miss N.M. Montagu
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, youngest son
of the late Professor Wilson...

Mr P. Wingfield
and Miss E.M.R. Scott
The engagement is announced
between Paul, only son of Mr
and Mrs John Wingfield...

Mr J.K. Zealley
and Miss F.M.B. Cooper
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Dr and
Mrs T.S. Zealley...

Lincoln's Inn
Miss Lesley Elizabeth Appleby,
QC, and Mr Roy Douglas Amlot
have been elected benchers of
Lincoln's Inn.

Sale room
£160,000 for Boucher
picture a 'surprise'

By Huon Mallalieu
A remarkably successful sale
of Old Master paintings made
£1,153,790, with just 2 per cent
bought in, at Phillips yesterday.

Diners

The West Indies Trade
Advisory Group and the West
India Committee were guests
yesterday at a dinner at the
Hotel de Ville...

Luncheons

Royal Humane Society
Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. C.
Charlton, Deputy Chairman of
the Royal Humane Society...

University news

Oxford
Dr Richard von Weizsäcker,
President of West Germany, has
been elected to an honorary
fellowship of Balliol College.

Birthdays today

Sir Eric Bertrand, 86; Viscount
Boyce, 55; Miss Rumer Godden,
79; Mr Cecil Hallett, 87;
Lord Harris of High Cross, 62;

Meeting

Chartered Institute of Transport
Mr P. Capon, Product Development
Director of Leyland
Trucks Limited, delivered the
Henry Spurrier Memorial Lecture...

Memorial Service

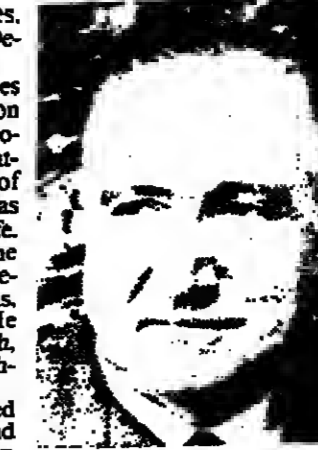
Miss R. Scott Addis
A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Miss Robina Scott Addis
was held yesterday at St
Columba's Church of Scotland...

Latest wills

Mr George Gordon Hole, of
Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex,
left estate valued at £1,000,932.

OBITUARY
MR CHRISTOPHER SYKES
Versatile man of letters

Mr Christopher Sykes,
FRSL, author, died on
December 8. He was 79.
Christopher Hugh Sykes
was born in Yorkshire on
November 17, 1907. A Roman
Catholic, he was educated
at Downside, the quality of
whose religious education was
influential throughout his life.



he was engaged in diplomatic
duties at Tehran.
He returned to Cairo in
1943 to work for SOE. That
year he published High Mind
Murder, a book about the
organization which he castigated
as being too wrapped up in
internal intrigue which had
little to do with fighting the
Germans. It was, he maintained,
"the greatest hoax of the war."
For this effort his superiors
recommended that he be court-martialled.

SIR EUGENE MELVILLE

Sir Engene Melville,
KCMG, economist and diplomat,
died yesterday. He was
74.

On retirement in 1973 he
opted for something less tame
than the path into commerce
and industry trodden by other
high-ranking diplomats. He
became director-general of the
National Association of Property
Owners (later the British
Property Association), which
claimed to represent Britain's
most unloved industry.

AHMAD BEY al-KHALIL

Ahmad Bey al-Khalil, who
died in Amman on December
7 at the age of 72, was one of
the few surviving Palestinians
who played an important role
in the events of 1948 and their
immediate aftermath.

Born in Haifa on May 17,
1914, into a wealthy and
leading family, he went to
school in Jerusalem and then
to the American University of
Beirut where he graduated in
political science. He came to
England in 1935 and studied
law at Queen's College, Cambridge, graduating in 1939,
and in the same year was
called to the Bar by the Inner
Temple.

MR MAURICE DOCKRELL

Mr Maurice Dockrell, business-
man and Lord Mayor of
Dublin in 1960, the first
Protestant to be elected to the
office in 60 years, died yesterday.
He was 78.

Born in Dublin in 1908, and
educated at St Andrew's College
and Trinity College, Dublin.
The family business (in
Ulster there is a reference to
"Dockrell's" a linen mill
paper-mill) was one of the
first Dublin firms to re-employ
those of its staff who had
been gaoled for participating in
the 1916 Rising.

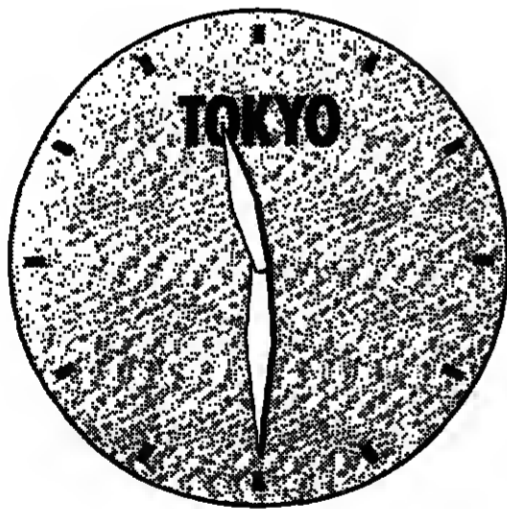
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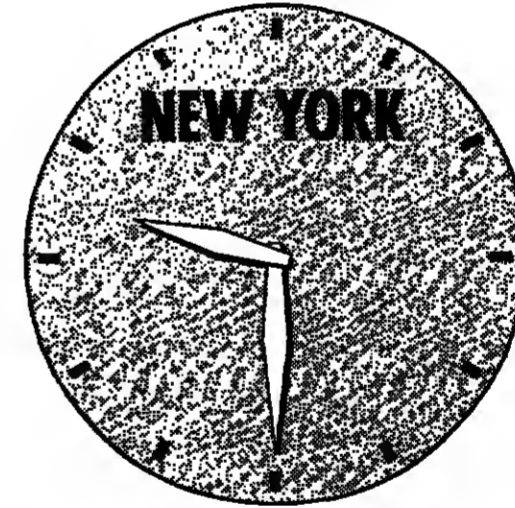
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Electron buys Bytech

Contracts have been exchanged for the acquisition by Electron House of the Bytech Group, a franchised distributor of electronic components, systems and computer peripherals for £3.3 million cash.

The shares which are being issued to finance the acquisition have been placed with institutional and other investors by Chase Manhattan Securities at 120p per new ordinary share and 106p per new convertible preference share.

Electron's profitability is increasing through improved efficiency, and the acquisition of the Bytech Group is expected to enhance this trend.

● **OSBORNE & LITTLE:** Figures in 2000 for the six months to September 30. Interim dividend was 1.3p (1p). Turnover was 3,805 (£2,641 profit before exceptional items was 673 (404), pre-tax profit was 4.62p (3.31p)). The company expects sales and profits to be higher in the second half than in the first.

● **STRONG & FISHER HOLDINGS/CARNAK BOOTH:** The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has received undertakings from Strong & Fisher not to acquire any part of the share capital of Carnak Booth, or to enter into any agreement which would result in its having an interest of more than 10 per cent in any class of shares in Carnak during the investigation by the Mergers and Monopolies Commission.

● **GABORNE:** Expenses, in addition to start-up costs, have been incurred throughout the whole period. In the second half the company will enjoy a full six months trading on a nationwide basis.

● **TURRIFF CORPORATION:** The company has entered into a conditional agreement to acquire Whitall Holdings, a Birmingham building contractor which trades under the name of Moffat Whitall. The consideration, payable in cash on completion, is approximately £450,000 plus a further maximum of £75,000.

COMPANY NEWS

deferred until April 1988 and dependent upon profits for 1987. Mr Michael Whittall, founder and managing director of Whitall, will be appointed managing director of Turriff Construction which will include Whitall with effect from January 5.

● **BERKELEY GROUP:** Results for the six months to October 31 include an interim dividend of 0.85p (0.7p) and, with figures in 2000, turnover of 21,051 (13,371), operating profit of 3,008 (1,910), profit of related companies 120 (nil), interest of 45 (24.2), pre-tax profit of 3,083 (1,668) and tax of 1,079 (667). Earnings per share were 6.3p (4.0p). The company says sales are at a record level and the directors are confident about the future.

● **TACE:** A final dividend of 5.68p has been declared, making 8.52p (6.65p) for the year to September 30. With figures to 2000, turnover amounted to £2,048 (£2,133), gross profit 8,766 (£7,353), distribution costs 1,981 (£1,744), administration 2,936 (£2,281), operating profit 3,849 (£3,328), interest payable (net) 347 (£212), pre-tax profit 3,502 (£3,116), tax 819 (£1,116), other costs 574 (£625) and extraordinary debits 496 (credit 1,882). Earnings per share were 30.07p (21.41p). The group continues to seek further complementary acquisitions.

● **HUMBERSIDE ELECTRONIC CONTROLS:** No dividend (0.1p) for the year to May 31. With figures in 2000, turnover was 1,005 (863), profit before exceptional items 23 (145), exceptional debits 379 (nil), loss after exceptional debits 350 (profit 145). Loss per share was 1.63p (eps 0.84p). The exceptional debits are a loss on a big contract due to a commercial settlement dispute, 32, writedown of obsolete parts stocks, 182, and provisions against stock machines of 165. There is no tax charge (nil). The management accounts indicate a modest profit for the six months to the end of November. The profit for the full year to May 31, 1987, is entirely dependent on an early conversion of the high positive inquiry levels into firm orders.

● **AUDITRONIC:** With figures in 2000, results for the 16 months to June 30, 1986 (year to March 1, 1985) include turnover of 3,272 (£10,553), loss on ordinary activities before tax of 676 (£1,253), tax nil (3) and an extraordinary credit of 465 (£430 dbi). In recent months, the management's attention has been largely devoted to the programme of asset sales and other cost-cutting measures necessary to ensure stabilisation of the company's financial position. This has now been largely accomplished.

Whitecroft jumps 31%

Whitecroft, the textiles, lighting and building supplies group, yesterday launched a net £15.2 million rights issue and announced pre-tax profits 31 per cent higher at £3.6 million for the six months to September 30.

The company, which failed last August in its takeover bid for Eleco Holdings, said it was raising new money in readiness for future acquisitions. Borrowings over the past 18 months have increased by £17 million.

Whitecroft has a 12 per cent stake in Eleco which cost £3 million.

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 12	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Calls			Puts		
	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Aded Lyons (305)	280	30	42	48	25	7
Brush Gas (15)	60	13	15	17	3	2

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Starting	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 95	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	216
Jan 87	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	1309

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Market rate	Market rate	1 month		3 months	
N York	1.4210-1.4240	1.4210-1.4220	0.80-0.87p/m	1.39-1.43p/m	
Monsreal	1.2855-1.2884	1.2855-1.2884	0.50-0.41p/m	1.51-1.30p/m	

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rate	Market rate	1 month		3 months	
N York	1.4210-1.4240	1.4210-1.4220	0.80-0.87p/m	1.39-1.43p/m	

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.6855-1.6854	Ireland	1.3475-1.3505
Australia dollar	2.1799-2.1851	Singapore	2.1925-2.1935
Canada dollar	1.2250-1.2250	Singapore (per cent)	3.25-3.25

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Argentina austral*	1.6855-1.6854	Ireland	1.3475-1.3505
Australia dollar	2.1799-2.1851	Singapore	2.1925-2.1935

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %		BULLION	
Dollar	3 1/2 - 4 1/2	Gold	388.75-387.25
Deutsche mark	3 1/2 - 4 1/2	Silver	334.00 (337.57)
Swiss franc	3 1/2 - 4 1/2	Platinum	1,475.00 (234.15)

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	Spreads
Ashland (120p)	220 -1
Avis Europe (250p)	138
Babcock International (100p)	141

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co.	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
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WHITECROFT

31% INCREASE IN PROFIT

INTERIM RESULTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1986

	1986 £'000	1985 £'000	% Change
Turnover	53,942	48,668	UP 11%
Profit Before Tax	3,591	2,740	UP 31%
Earnings Per Share	10.0p	7.1p	UP 41%
Dividends Per Share	3.0p	2.5p	UP 20%

- LIGHTING PROFITS UP 67%
- TEXTILE PROFITS 24% HIGHER

"Trading results for the first two months of the second half have been encouraging and we continue to view the outlook for the current year with confidence." Tom Weatherby, Chairman

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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Shares gain ground

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Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

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MOTOR RACING Race is on for the smoothest ride

By John Blunsden A new phrase is likely to be added to the vocabulary of grand prix racing next season...

Bringing out the best in West

Unsung Briton Jeremy West became the first Western canoeist to win two titles at the world championships this year.

Chief Sports Correspondent David Miller met him in exile in Basle, Switzerland.

He excels over the prosaic, flat stuff

Let us consider the last answer first. Competitive canoeists in Britain are numbered in four figures...



Worldly goods: Jeremy West and the world championship medals that changed his mind about entering the Seoul Olympics

They perceive it, it is an ideology as much as a sporting achievement. In moderation, I think, public support is in the public interest...

The drive of the international sports competitor should always, in the first place, be self-initiated by private, not public, will-power.

The decline of the master and the birth of his shrine

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today: Mitchell Plants on the best of the golf books.

Medals changed his mind about retirement

Last year, he completed his degree and then borrowed £2,000 from his father, to attend a winter's 'summer' training in New Zealand with Ian Ferguson...

GOLF

The decline of the master and the birth of his shrine

Price strove not to produce the official biography of Jones, the official history of the Augusta National Golf Club...

BOXING

Lawyers may land knockout punch

From Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent, New York The heavyweight series to find an undisputed world champion...

BASKETBALL

Anniversary ball but no sponsors

The World Invitation Basketball championship will celebrate its tenth anniversary without a major sponsor or television coverage...

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Seahawks frustrate Raiders' attack

The dependable and cautiously optimistic Curt Warner scored two touchdowns and Dave Krieg passed for 243 yards...

SWIMMING

Award gives Day some consolation

Tony Day, ignored by Britain's selectors for next year's European Cup in Sweden...

Kenya ban Woosnam over S Africa links

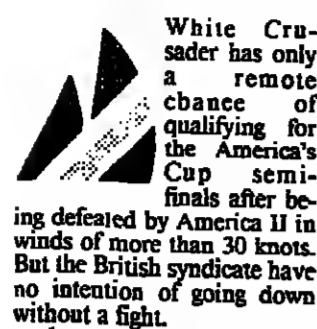
The Kenya Golf Union have banned Ian Woosnam of Wales, from defending his Kenya Open title next year...

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YACHTING

Crusader's challenge fades as Cudmore is pushed to the limit



White Crusader has only a remote chance of qualifying for the America's Cup semi-finals after being defeated by America II in winds of more than 30 knots.

White Crusader has only a remote chance of qualifying for the America's Cup semi-finals after being defeated by America II in winds of more than 30 knots. But the British syndicate have no intention of going down without a fight.

It means a difficult run of victories in the last four days, Harry Cudmore, the Crusader skipper, conceded after the race against America II. "But mathematically it's feasible so we shall not give up until it's impossible," Cudmore said. "Crusader's crew were depressed at the way things had gone but not despondent."

Rivals hold all the aces

White Crusader has four races remaining (Keith Wheatley writes). One is a bye (Challenge France having pulled out) and the remainder against New Zealand, Stars and Stripes and Heart of America.

Form renders it unlikely but not impossible that Britain beats Conner and the Kiwis. However, for that to get White Crusader into the final four, America II would have to lose two of her final races — one of the against USA.

The victory by the fifth boat, USA, in turn makes it easier for them to take the fourth place. In short, two boats that have been sailing well — America II and USA — would need to have an unprecedented run of defeats for White Crusader to squeeze past them.

"Clips which work perfectly at Newport year after year start parting in 32 knots," he said. "We've calculated the loads but you have to sail day after day down here to know the stress factors and when to replace them."

The people at the top of the points table have, without exception, sailed longer down here or elsewhere together. We thought we'd worked things out but in a 12-metre campaign they have a habit of catching up with you. Out of the hundreds of items on a boat there will be one or two that catch up with you at crucial times.

At the penultimate mark America II was 55 seconds in front and at the finish it was a victory to the New York Yacht Club by one minute and 47 seconds. Since the British and the NYCC kept the America's Cup to themselves for so many years since the first race between them in 1851, it was, perhaps, fitting that White Crusader's coup de grace should come from the old enemy.

By winning her four remaining races and the top opponents losing all of theirs, White Crusader might scrape into the final four but as Cudmore said yesterday morning: "If we don't win this one we might as well go home." And they didn't.

DEFENDER STANDINGS: That order: Seventh day (subject to protest): Kookaburra III (A), Australia IV, Steak 'n' Kidney (A), Kookaburra II, Zwin (Belgium).

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Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pts. Includes New Zealand, France, Stars and Stripes, USA, Italia di America, Eagle, Azzurra.

A yawning gap on television

Billion Dollar Challenge, the second of three documentaries covering the America's Cup, shown on BBC1 last night, highlighted a major problem faced by many television companies attempting to cover this huge sailing jamboree — a desperate lack of action-packed footage.

and Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes injected some promise into Channel 4's weekly programme, The Great Australian Boat Race, on Saturday.

mains open to question. The BBC resisted and, as a result, they are frozen out from receiving the best film coverage for both news and features.

Right spice for Steak 'n' Kidney

No one could be more embarrassed than its designer, Peter Cole, by the sudden change of fortunes of his 12-metre Steak 'n' Kidney, the much-maligned Australian defence challenger representing the Eastern States which won its third race yesterday, this time against Kookaburra II (Barry Pickthall writes).

effort to win a vital place in the semi-finals, but from a simple change of keel.

keel we tested, not the first one," the scientist exclaimed, leaving Cole to explain how he could have got the two designs muddled up.

RUGBY UNION

London's club plans begin to take shape. London, the last of England's four divisions to decide upon their structure for next season's club championship, announced yesterday the shape, if not the content, of their contribution to the new competition.

Metropolitan Police and Maidstone, belying their junior status, have been nominated to National League Three, while Askeans, Havant, Sidecup, Southend, Streatham/Croydon and the South are nominated to the Sudbury Area League.

The answer came at the end of October when Dr van Oossanen took a close look at the boat in Fremantle. "But that's the slow



Troubled waters: White Crusader (left) battles in vain to catch America II in their crucial America's Cup race yesterday

TENNIS: BECKER ROCKED BACK ON HIS HEELS BY POWERFUL GROUND STROKES

No doubt about Lendl's abilities

On a night Boris Becker will want to forget, Ivan Lendl stamped his stern personality all over the Nabisco Masters with a near-flawless exhibition of power serving to win the title for the fourth time, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Becker, distraught throughout much of the match but calm and cool-headed afterwards, said: "I wanted to win too much."

Lendl, of course, wanted to win just as badly but at 26 he was competing in his seventh Madison Square Garden final and, emotionally as well as physically, he is an athlete in his prime.

Becker, a fabulous shot maker who may ultimately become the better player, is still learning how best to utilize his talent on those occasions when the body does not receive the brain's messages fast enough.



Agony: Becker losing the Masters final but he could recoup his loss in the Young Masters

Fag-end festival comes to Albert Hall

The Wimbledon champions, Joachim Nystrom and Mats Wilander, and the champions of France, John Fitzgerald and Tomas Smid, are among the eight teams who will compete in the Nabisco Masters Doubles at the Albert Hall from this morning until Sunday afternoon.

climax of the year-long grand prix circuit and has been shunted into December, the logical month for it.

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CRISIS AT WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon, one of the most famous names in British sport, will fold early in the new year unless they can find a sponsor prepared to plough at least £25,000 into the club.

The London club's death knell rang yesterday in a statement issued by GRA Group, who own Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium — the club's home track.

Val D'Isere (Reuter) — Women racers yesterday returned here to the World Cup downhill track on which the Austrian teenager, Christine Putz, was nearly killed last year.

"Oh, my goodness, that was wild!" Fletcher exclaimed, after completing the course, on which she skidded and somersaulted over a safety barrier last year. "It was a little wild today, where I turned that remarkable somersault, but it felt fine."

SQUASH RACKETS

Relentless Jahangir overhauls Kenyon

Karachi (Reuter) — Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, overcame a determined early challenge by Phil Kenyon to win the Pakistan Masters tournament yesterday.

Kenyon was swept away in the opening frame but found his best form at 3-0 down in the second. Varying the pace cleverly and constantly, he forced errors from the title holder.

Kenyon took an early lead in the third but could not press home his advantage from 2-1. Upset by the referee's decision to call a let, rather than awarding him a point, he lost his concentration and Jahangir took command.

Show of temper is costly

Ahmed Tahir, an 18-year-old from Cairo, is plainly angry at the long line of Egyptian squash players to have enriched their pockets for half a century.

He has power, speed, extraordinary reflexes, but at the front wall — and complete lack of understanding about the idiosyncratic control of English referees.

Becker in line for third title

Boris Becker, the two-time Wimbledon champion but beaten finalist in this week's New York Masters, will be competing here this week for his third consecutive victory at the Young Masters tournament, which commences today.

Becker, aged 19 and ranked number two in the world, is clear favourite in the field of 16 players aged 21 and under. It was this event that catapulted him to prominence in its inaugural year, in January, 1985, at Birmingham.

Becker, then 17, beat Sweden's Stefan Edberg, in a five-set final. He won Wimbledon six months later.

In West Berlin last January, Becker defeated another Swede, Mats Wilander, in the final. Wilander is now 22, and no longer eligible.

Edberg, who is 20, has chosen not to return this year, as he and his partner, Anders Jarryd, are the defending champions in this week's Masters Doubles championship in London.

Becker's strongest challenge still looks likely to come from Sweden, of whom there are five in the tournament, including Kent Carlsson, the second seed, who is ranked 14 in the world.

The 16 competitors are divided into four groups under a round robin format. The winner of each group goes through to the straight elimination semifinals.

The winner will take US\$30,000 (£21,000) from the prize pool of \$150,000.

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CRICKET: CHANCES RECEDE OF BOTHAM PLAYING IN THIRD TEST

England show a purpose that augurs well for task ahead

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

England beat Victoria here yesterday, for the first time since 1962-63, by five wickets. It was a match that had been near to winning last Saturday evening, yet did so in the end with only 17 balls to spare. They left afterwards for Adelaide, where the third Test match starts on Friday.

Whitaker proceeded then to show with what splendidly little fuss he scores his runs. Playing each ball on its merits as he sees them. He is a hard straight hitter between mid-off and mid-on, the bat going through the line of the ball, and can punch it off the back foot as well. His hooking was untidy, though when he muddled one it went a long way.

Bright had a rough time of it. Known for his economical bowling (2.3 runs per over in Test cricket) more than for his wicket-taking (53 wickets in 25 Tests), he was now treated with disdain by Lamb.

not to be the first pick of the two; but Slack could bat at No. 3, should England lose an early wicket, and he is much the more experienced of the two.

Indian batting practice

Gwalior (Reuters) - Sri Lanka opened their tour of India with a draw against the Indian Cricket Board President's XI, a game enlivened on the last day by some fine stroke play from the Indian batsmen.

Counties on head hunt

First-class counties are on a major shopping spree - with Graham Dilley, Kent's England paceman, and Geoff Boycott, former England and Yorkshire opener, topping their lists.

Forest buy Bailey makes early return for reserves

Gary Bailey, England's incapacitated reserve goalkeeper in Mexico, makes a timely return to action on Friday in his first game since February.

Oxford's recent form suggests an upset

Oxford, victors in the University rugby match at Twickenham yesterday, will today at Wembley seek their first footballing win over Cambridge for four years in the 103rd meeting between the clubs since the series began in 1874.

FOOTBALL



Bailey (left) and Higgins waiting in the wings for recall by Ferguson

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Forest fear that obtaining his work permit could take that long. Their manager, Brian Clough, flew to Oswald's club, Lillestrøm, to complete the deal after the player impressed him during a trial period at City Ground.

Oswald, a talented ball-player with 14 caps, scored Norway's goal against Argentina in a friendly international in Oslo before the World Cup finals.

Indian batting practice



Out in the cold: Graham Gooch and his wife, Brenda, brave the wet weather for a night on the town in London's West End

Gooch puts Brentwood before Bondi

To Graham Gooch, ensconced for the winter in his Brentwood home, the news from Australia is unexciting. No, he is not surprised that England are winning. What astounds him is the continued absence of any off-the-field stories emanating from Down Under.

national cricket, sold nearly 10,000 hardback copies. Yet Gooch is looking to his future - as sportsman are wont to say. Now 33, he begins a new job in January, which may mean he will not tour again. He will be working in public relations and promoting cricket equipment and clothing for Stuart Servage.

losing sleep and not being able to read the papers during the day. It is a palaver loading the children into the car and, as he had not had twins, I might have gone to Australia. Yet I am enjoying being a father.

of one correspondent's incredulity that he could prefer a winter in Brentwood to sitting on a beach in Sydney drinking Foster's. Gooch has, in fact, said he would be available for the one-day matches after Christmas in the event of injury.

ATHLETICS

Thompson in mixed pairs test

Paris (AFP) - Daley Thompson, Britain's Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth champion, will compete against his great West German decathlon rival, Jürgen Hingsen, in a mixed pairs pentathlon here on January 18, a French athletics coach, Michel Lerouge, said yesterday.

Jenny MacArthur assesses the man in the driving seat

The Duke of Edinburgh retires after 22 years as president of the Fédération Equestre Internationale at today's FEI general assembly at the Waldorf Hotel, London.

Princess Anne takes over FEI reins from her father

It is ironic that, in the year of Prince Philip's retirement, the issue has now finally been resolved with the new IOC regulations - brought about largely through the efforts of the British Equestrian Federation - which enable a professional to renounce his status if he wishes to compete in the Olympics.

Other additions to the international calendar during the last 20 years have included the President's Cup - now called the Prince Philip Trophy - for the most successful Nations Cup Team of the Year, the Tarnac showjumping competition and High Dressage - for countries with a substantial amount of distance resources, are no able to compete at the regular FEI-organised European and world championships - and, in 1985, the Nasau World Cup for dressage.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Daur and Peter Davalle

The love that came with the post

If Alex McCall's Love Letters (BBC2, 9.35pm) carries any message at all...

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is no use pretending that Betty's letters to Chuck and his to her are either literary or romantic masterpieces.

what might come flying out when this particular Pandora's Box is opened in the presence of a not disinterested third party.

attendants and plentiful supplies of reasonable good will.



Peter Davalle

The Hull-based band, The Housemartins star in a Hold Tight Special (ITV; 4.45)

BBC 1

- 6.00 Ceefax All. 6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman.

- 5.50 Pinny's House 4.00 Animal Fair 4.05 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part five (r) 4.10 Heathcliff and Co. Cartoon adventures of an alley cat.

BBC 2

- 8.00 Ceefax. 12.30 Design and Innovation. An Open University production examining developments in train travel.

ITV LONDON

- 6.15 TV-am. Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys.

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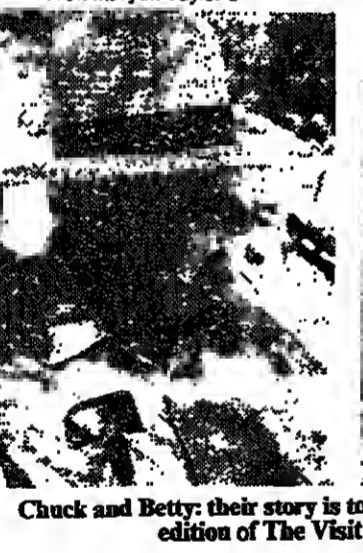
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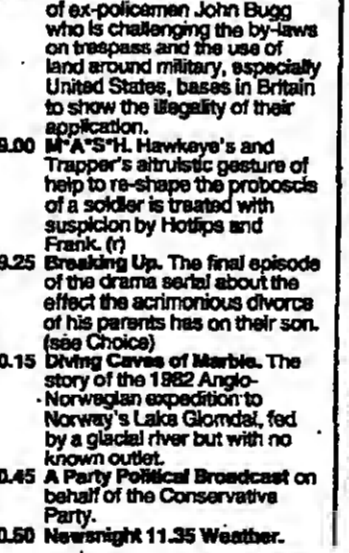
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- BBC1 WALESS 5.55pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.30-7.00. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather.



Chuck and Betty: their story is told in Love Letters, this week's edition of The Visit (BBC1, 9.35pm)



Per and Barbel Oecarsson at odds with society in Stellan Olsson's film Close to the Wind (Channel 4, 10.00pm)



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